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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am applying for the [ROLE] position at [COMPANY]. Four years of computer science at the University of New Hampshire taught me that a complex problem is a series of small design decisions, and each one deserves deliberate attention. While the industry moves fast, I keep systems simple and security-first. That starts in the development environment, with guardrails that protect the work without slowing the deliverable. As AI agents grow more capable, I build the right checks, tools and privacy controls into every step of the software process.

Cybersecurity, software engineering and cloud computing were once decoupled; now they are merging, and job titles are starting to blur. I work across all three with agentic tools for speed and the fundamentals (abstraction, data structures, algorithms) for judgment. Your work on [SPECIFIC PRODUCT OR SERVICE] stood out to me because [ONE CONCRETE CONNECTION TO MY WORK].

Over two summers at Liberty Mutual, I developed Java components on AWS Lambda, tested data transformations and documented handoffs adopted by the engineering team. That team offered me a full-time TechStart software engineer position. At Sandridge Golf Club, I'm the first person called when the point-of-sale or booking system goes down. I fix what I can on the spot and hand county IT or the vendor a clear account of the rest.

My projects put that approach into practice. Catch 5 is a working iPhone app my family plays, not a repository waiting for a user. Tuning the computer opponents taught me to measure a change before trusting a hunch. My home-automation client separates request success from observed device state. The controller can answer yes while the light stays off, so every command ends as confirmed, unconfirmed, failed or refused, with the evidence attached. I timed the system's slowest turn-on and built the wait around it, so a light still moving is never reported as finished.

Drive Score rebuilds my internship's telematics problem with synthetic trips: when the broker goes down, trips wait on disk in order, and a trip delivered twice still counts once.

My work in K–8 physical education, restaurants and golf-course operations taught me patience, better questions and the value of keeping things simple. Teaching pickleball to competitive teenagers and younger classes meant learning the game well enough to explain it with the care each group deserved. In a busy restaurant, I learned to slow down, find a steady rhythm, then speed up. Conversations with older golfers taught me to simplify my questions and listen to experience.

Thank you for your time. A cover and a summary can introduce the story, but I'd welcome the chance for your team to meet the author. I know you're taking a risk on someone early in his career; I'm ready to take that step with you, and I believe we're on the same page.

Eager to hear back,

Connor Murphy