

Dear Anyone Who Will (Please) Offer Me Some Form of Employment ,¹

I am writing to express my interest in literally any position at your unnamed company as advertised on Indeed . With my background in relying on God's help and good grace and experience in having survived this long , I am confident in my ability to contribute effectively to your team.

In my previous role at another unimpressive company , I counted the minutes with the fervor of an addict, uncomfortably aware that even seconds contributed to a meager paycheck I would need in order to buy food that week . This experience allowed me to develop profound desperation, low self-worth, and a resolve to do anything to stop being broke , which I believe will be valuable in supporting your company's mission of...

What excites me most about this opportunity is I'll be working with other human beings . I'm particularly drawn to the prospect of maybe one day actually being able to afford a family and go on dates with my husband to university concerts and eat healthy food and grow butternut squash in my garden next to some peach and cherry trees . I would be thrilled to bring my worthless piece of paper called a college diploma (the one that is still not the four years of prior experience that you are looking for in entry positions) to your team.²

Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my background and enthusiasm can contribute to your unnamed company's success. Please feel free to contact me at my home, where I will likely be crying on my sofa , or by phone (but please don't leave a voicemail because my phone is still broken and I won't be able to listen to it anyway) to schedule an interview. Preferably with a real human.

Sincerely,

An Individual Who Is Stuck At the Bottom of the Social Order

¹ Template from ChatGPT

² Although I'm certain you have a bot that could do anything I can do but better.

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EDUCATION

Brigham Young University

Bachelor of Arts: Spanish, Emphasis in Failed Perfectionism

Minor in Linguistics

Partial Minor in Music

Experience:

- LL16 Conference – Essen, Germany
 - Presented to seven yawning individuals on the “Impact of Language Policy and Landscape on Immigrants in Spain”, a topic I chose hastily and found convoluted during the whole research process. I only committed to the presentation because it gave me and my new husband a chance to actually go on a honeymoon.
- Scholarships received at BYU
 - You Are Poor No. 1
 - You Are Poor No. 2
 - Conference Reimbursement
 - Honeymoon Fund
- Relevant Coursework
 - Tools for translation

Apr 2026

Provo, UT

Utah Tech University

Associate of Arts, Emphasis in Music

- Relevant Coursework
 - Rock-climbing

Dec 2022

St. George, UT

EXPERIENCE

BYU Instrument Office

String Specialist

- Participated in the strange office dichotomy that was either an intense workout moving percussion equipment around campus or sitting at the desk and wasting away doing homework.
- Developed⁴ strangely spiritual connections with unlikely people who I never really interacted with. I knew their names, their majors, their instruments, the gigs they played last week. They didn’t recognize me when I waved in the halls; in vain, I persisted.

Nov 2023–Dec 2025

Provo, UT

³ Copilot mentioned that having an online presence is encouraging for employers. I don’t have a LinkedIn, but it doesn’t need to know that.

⁴ This word was recommended by ChatGPT as a strong descriptor for soft skills. But good news, BYU’s resume “Action Verb” resource also lists this verb for superior communication skills (surely this includes the semi-spiritual), creativity, and financial literacy. It’s amazing the things employers can glean from a person from their word choice.

Tongass Trading Co.

May 2023–Sept 2023

Retail Team Nobody

Ketchikan, Alaska

- Educated hundreds of mindless cruise-ship tourists daily how to use their eyes because the bathroom sign was literally above my head and yet they still asked. Everyone. All of them. Every single person.
- Judged⁵ every Canadian, roughly seven per day, that sought to criticize America for still having pennies (because they got rid of them in 2012, *of course*. If only they realized that ours are still worth more) and pity the Americans for thinking that Alaska is in Canada. It's not.
- Revolutionized the sales floor team's ability to boondoggle by teaching them the very word *boondoggle*.

Premium Music Products

Mar 2017–Jan 2025

Very Underqualified (but the literal only option for) Marketing Team Lead

St. George

- Arranged hundreds of marketing emails with a website to match. Then rearranged it routinely every month because I did not know how to craft marketing emails or design a website.
- Expedited my own death by spending an hour or more every day in a small closet scrubbing chemical-soaked tubas with pumice in order to remove the buildup of toxic-green, drug-induced slime. I offered the tuba players some grace because, surely, only *some* of them were engaging in illegal recreation.

Spectrum News

Jan 2016–May 2017

Assistant Paper Boy (er, girl)

St. George

- Streamlined a paper route, which my sister and I delivered at 4am everyday (including Thanksgiving and Christmas), with over 200 houses. It was a ghost town that early and no one noticed when we drove 40 through the neighborhoods. Plus, the police were always busy arresting drug dealers.
- Distributed to all the houses on the right side of the street while my sister threw to the left side. I attempted to throw to the driveway, but several times a day, the paper would land in the gutter, on the roof, on the second floor's porch instead of the third. Getting into someone else's truck bed to correct mistakes, I inevitably felt like a criminal.

⁵ This is listed as a verb to be used for interpersonal communication by BYU's resume "Action Verb" resource (a very helpful resource, in my opinion). Who knew that employers are looking for judgmental people?

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

The Monnett Residence

Apr 2025–Current
Springville, UT

Wife

- Tested my resolve (and stomach) when my husband sliced off the top of his finger with a mandoline on the third day of our marriage. I picked the remaining capillaried fingertip out of the sliced zucchini, horrified, and tried not to throw up at the blood squirting from his phalange as I pressed a gauze pad onto it.
- Communicated regarding vital, domestic affairs after engaging in a legally binding contract with a new roommate. That is, I learned that my husband didn't trim the meat before cooking it, leaving large portions of gag-worthy rubber-flesh attached. Having previously expressed that he disliked the roundabout, overly sugarcoated correction I offered, I once brutishly stated at dinner, "Would you please, for the love, trim the meat? And by the way, I love you."

The Judd Residence

Sept 2001–Dec 2020
St. George, UT

Daughter

- Appealed to my maternal superior by (in)effectively cleaning out the guinea pig cage—as she had asked us to do for weeks—with the vacuum. The machine's canvas bag bulged and tore along a seam and spewed 80% of the saw dust and fecal matter vaporized in the air.
- Fashioned an imaginary dance partner from the mop, singing at the top of my lungs when no one was around. I never understood why it took me so much longer than either of my sisters to complete my chores.

SKILLS

- Spanish, advanced-mid proficiency (ACTFL), specializing in vocabulary for communicating in religious settings. Although, I did swear at a lady in church on accident once... She gasped and pulled me close and whispered through her teeth that *Hermana* we don't say that.
- Vague interest in medical interpretation and business localization⁶. I know someone who is an interpreter at the hospital.
- Computer Assisted Translation (CAT) tools such as Spanishdict, ChatGPT, and Copilot⁷.
- Rock-climbing

⁶ Google AI Overview suggested that employers want to see specialized vocabulary, and that these kinds of trigger words are important for getting past Applicant Tracking System (ATS) algorithms. Hopefully it isn't vital that I don't know anything yet.

⁷ Personally, I find AI tools to be socially, ethically, and environmentally destructive, but their continual overuse suggests that I am living in a world that cares less and less about connections to the planet, morality, and even other humans. Alas, perhaps the only success is in conforming.