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To Whom It May Concern,

I am excited to apply for an opportunity where I can institute both technical and creative skills to your team. With experience in HTML, CSS, C++, and Java, as well as VSCode and Sublime Text development tools, I enjoy turning ideas into functional, user-friendly programs.

One of my favorite projects was designing and launching my personal website, which I originally built to showcase my skills and help me get recruited for college hockey (live at www.baylynshankman.com). Now that I play on a college team, I've refreshed the site with new features, including responsive design, updated navigation, and curated content that reflects my current goals. This project strengthened my ability to plan, code, and continuously improve user experience.

I enjoy applying logic and structured problem-solving to complex challenges. Developing a banking program for my college software design class helped me utilize these skillsets. Using C++ in the VSCode IDE, the software prompts users to make and use checking and savings accounts with deposits, withdrawals, interest, and check logs. The accounts are stored in a map of strings and BankAccount pointers which are saved after restarting the program. The project files are live at github.com/baylynshankman/bank-project.

In addition to technical proficiency, I bring strong collaboration skills, efficiency, and an energetic approach to every project. My intermediate-level Norwegian language proficiency enables me to communicate with a broader range of people, and my experience working with both spoken and programming languages helps me quickly understand and break down complex concepts.

I am eager to contribute my skills and enthusiasm to a team where I can continue to learn and grow as a developer. Thank you for considering me. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how I can add value to your organization.

Sincerely,
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Education

St. Olaf College – Anticipated Graduation Date: May 2028

- Studying to complete Bachelors' in Computer Science and Norwegian with a concentration in Applied Linguistics
- Current Cumulative GPA: 3.89
- Dean's List: Fall '24, Spring '25
- NCAA Women's Ice-Hockey Goalie

Technical Experience

Front-End/Web Developer, Self-Taught   Jun 2021 – Present

- Experience with HTML, CSS, C++, and Java languages with Sublime Text and VSCode text editors
- Designed, coded, and published hockey recruiting website hosted by GoDaddy and cPanel ('21)
- Redesigned website to reflect current endeavors, employed new features, including responsive design ('25)
- New and original versions of the website are live at www.baylynshankman.com

Bank Account Software School Project   May 2025

- Utilized VSCode IDE in C++ to create software, which prompts users to make and use Checking and Savings
- Features include deposits, withdrawals, interest, and check logs
- All accounts are stored in a map of strings and BankAccount pointers which are saved after restarting program
- Project files are live at github.com/baylynshankman/bank-project

Work Experience

St. Olaf SOAR (Student Orientation to Academics & Resources) Leader, Part-Time   May 2025 – Present

- Move students into dorms and guide them through NSO (New Student Orientation) week activities
- Deliver engaging, informational presentations on orientation material
- Meet with students 1-on-1 to support their mental, academic, social, and physical well-being
- Develop communication and collaboration skills with group's co-leaders to plan events/presentations

Bridal Model, Freelance   Oct 2023 – Present

- Trained with Barbizon of Red Bank, NJ and print-published in Sarze and Swing Magazines
- Model for Elegant Bridal Productions (#1 Bridal Show in NY, NJ, and PA)
- Change quickly during runway shows to display dresses and engage potential bridal clients
- Self-promote and document events on social media page (Instagram: @baylyn.shankman)

Gill St. Bernards School Summer Camp Counselor, Seasonal   Summers – 2024, 2025

- Led campers in activities including fishing, various sports, and arts and crafts
- Facilitated weekly group skit that conveyed the value of the week (ex. compassion, diversity, integrity)
- Soothed meltdowns and issues between children and other counselors
- Mentor to counselors-in-training: demonstrated leadership and conflict resolution strategies

Extracurricular Endeavors

NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Goalie   Sep 2024 – Present

- AHCA All-American Scholar (2025)
- School records: longest shutout streak (385 minutes), tied for single-season shutout record (6)
- MIAC Conference Defensive Player of the Week (Dec 2024)
- Practices, lifts, games, team meetings: 25+ hours/week

Miss Norway of Greater New York Contestant   2023, 2024

- Presented intensive research on lost and hidden Norwegian-American family immigration history
- Sang Norwegian National Anthem and showcased partially-fluent Norwegian language-speaking

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References

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