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To Whom It May Concern,

I am excited to apply for a web or software development 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 websites.

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. 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.

In addition to technical proficiency, I bring strong collaboration skills, efficiency, and an energetic approach to every project. My partial fluency in Norwegian 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, Baylyn Shankman

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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
- Cumulative GPA: 3.89
- Dean's List: Fall '24, Spring '25
- NCAA Women's Ice-Hockey Goalie

Bernards High School - Class of 2024

- Cumulative GPA: 4.6 & SAT score: 1510
- Sara Weller Memorial Scholarship Winner: exemplifies academics, athleticism, and character ('24)
- Skylands Conference Carl Weinger Scholar-Athlete Award ('24)
- Christian Club (Co-Founder), Red Cross Club (Vice President), Math League (Corresponding Secretary)

Work Experience

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

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

Front-End/Web Developer, Self-Taught – (June 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

Bridal Model, Freelance - (October 2023 - Present)

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

Gill St. Bernards School Summer Camp Counselor, Seasonal – (Summer 2024 - Summer 2025)

- Led campers in activities including fishing, various sports, arts and crafts
- Facilitated group skit each week that conveys 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

Ice-Hockey Goalie, St. Olaf NCAA Women's Varsity Hockey Team (September 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 – Brooklyn, NY (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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