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Your résumé often creates the first impression you make with an employer. The information you include and the way you present it can determine whether you will have the opportunity to interview for a position. If the résumé is strongly written and presented attractively, it may open the door to an interview. Your résumé is your marketing tool. It provides a quick overview of the skills, knowledge, and experience you have to "sell" to an employer. A résumé summarizes your educational and employment experiences. Therefore, it should be a concise, easy-to-read review of your qualifications.

### PREPARATION FOR WRITING THE RÉSUMÉ

A résumé should support your career goals by presenting evidence to the employer that you have the skills and knowledge necessary to perform the job. If you are unsure which career options you want to pursue, it will be more difficult to design an effective résumé. Therefore, it is important to have clear goals in mind (if not on paper) when constructing your résumé. Your objective will enable you to write a résumé that highlights your most important qualifications for specific kinds of jobs.

When you feel confident that you have identified your skills, defined your objectives, and become familiar with options in your chosen career field (including potential employers), you are ready to begin writing your résumé.

### **RÉSUMÉ CONTENT**

A résumé is a flexible document that can be adapted to highlight your particular skills or experiences. The content categories you select for your résumé will be determined by a number of factors, especially by your strongest "selling points" relative to the type of position you are seeking. You may have several versions of your résumé if you are targeting different types of career positions.

The length of a résumé is generally one page, but two pages are usually acceptable if you need the space to show the breadth of your experience. If you go to two pages, make sure the information on page two is relevant and that you use the majority of the second page.

**Identification Data**—Name, address/es (current and permanent if appropriate), phone number(s), e-mail address, and web site or link to an online portfolio (if applicable). Make sure your e-mail address is professional.

Career Objective—These statements on résumés are now considered optional. If you decide not to include an objective on your résumé, then your objective should be clearly articulated in your cover letter. If you do include an objective, be specific—do not explain what you want from an organization but rather address the skills you are bringing to that organization. Employers will interpret a vague career goal as a lack of direction and self-knowledge. Objectives do *not* include pronouns such as I, my, or me.

**Education**—Your academic experiences should be listed in reverse chronological order with your most recent degree or experience listed first. List the proper title of your degree and GPA (a guideline is to include a GPA if it's 3.0 or above).

**Experience**—Your experience should include not only paid full-time positions but also part-time, volunteer, field, observation, internship, and cooperative education experiences. For each position, list the organization for whom you worked, the location (city and state), job title, and dates (month/year) of employment. There is no single correct order for the presentation of this information as long as you are consistent throughout the résumé.

Within the sections, your experience should be listed in reverse chronological order. You should separate "Relevant Experience" from general "Work Experience" to indicate that you have experience relating to your degree and/or career goals.

- Give a brief description of the skills and responsibilities for each position using short phrases and clauses rather than full sentences.
- Begin each fragment with an active verb. Avoid the use of any personal pronouns (I, my, or me).
- Take credit for what you have done—especially for those activities that you initiated, developed, or supervised. Be careful not to exaggerate your responsibilities, but do not undersell yourself either.

**Activities**—Your involvement and leadership in clubs, student government, athletics, and social organizations shows an employer you have broadened your education with activities outside the classroom. These activities can also demonstrate important work-related skills and knowledge such as organizational or management experience and the ability to work effectively with others. Be sure to include offices or other leadership positions you have held, as well as describing the positions and related tasks.

**Optional Special Sections**—You may list other types of information if they relate to your career and/or reflect achievements in which an employer may have an interest.

- Special Skills—Computer, Equipment, Language(s)
- Professional Affiliations
- Additional Training
- Research
- Presentations/Publications
- Productions/Shows

- Study Abroad
- Volunteer
- Certifications
- Military
- Relevant Courses
- Conferences Attended

**Do not include** personal information, photographs, or high school information.

### **RÉSUMÉ STYLES**

There are many good résumé layouts. The layout of your résumé is important in creating a favorable first impression in an employer's mind. The appearance of your résumé may determine whether it is even read at all. Many corporate recruiters recommend not using résumé templates that are available with your word processing software. It is more impressive to create your own résumé "from scratch" utilizing categories and formatting which fit your unique qualifications.

Traditionally, résumés use serif fonts and utilize active verbs to focus on various skills developed during work experience.

**Chronological**—Within sections, information is presented in reverse chronological order—most recent information is listed first, working backward in time. This approach is the easiest to follow and is often used by job seekers with limited experience.

**Functional**—The focus of this style is on skills and abilities—not on when or where they were attained. Related skills are grouped together in comprehensive categories. The skill areas should relate closely to the stated career objective. It is best used by people who have extensive professional experience, may have changed careers, taken time off from their career, or who have gained their skills in volunteer or community service settings.

**Curriculum Vitae**—Candidates who are applying for faculty/administrative/research positions in a college, university, or research setting typically prepare a curriculum vitae (CV) rather than a résumé. Sample CVs and categories you may include in a CV are available on the Career Services web site under the Career Resource Center.

### **FINAL POINTERS**

- It is essential that you use correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Spell check does not find every error.
- Use abbreviations sparingly. Spell out your degree, the name of the university, and organizations to which you belong.
- If you are requested to e-mail your résumé, ask the employer what format they prefer (attachment, electronic, in body of e-mail).
- Maintain consistent formatting throughout your résumé.
- Use capitals, underlining, spacing, highlighting and white space creatively to emphasize sections and titles-but do not overdo it!
- You must get your point across quickly and clearly. Studies show that employers will typically read a résumé for an average of 30-45 seconds.
- Reproduce your résumé on quality paper and use a laser or letter quality printer. White, cream, ivory, or very light gray are acceptable paper color options. Avoid pastels or very bright colors.
- If you are using résumé paper with a watermark, make sure the watermark can be read if you hold up the paper to a light. It is not proper etiquette to have the watermark backwards or upside down.
- Remember the importance of key words on the résumé in the event you are applying to an employer's electronic database.

### **ACTIVE VERBS**

achieved	contacted	experimented	observed	represented
acted	contributed	facilitated	obtained	reproduced
adjusted	controlled	filed	operated	researched
administered	coordinated	formed	ordered	retrieved
advertised	corresponded (with)	generated	organized	reviewed
advised	counseled	guided	oversaw	revised
analyzed	created	handled	participated (in)	scheduled
arranged	defined	identified	persuaded	selected
assembled	delegate	illustrated	planned	served
assessed	delivered	implemented	prepared	simplified
began	demonstrated	increased	presented	sold
budgeted	described	initiated	processed	solicited
built	designed	inspected	produced	studied
calculated	developed	installed	programmed	supervised
chaired	directed	instructed	proofread	synthesized
changed	dispensed	interacted (with)	publicized	systematized
clarified	distributed	interviewed	published	targeted
classified	drafted	inventoried	purchased	taught
coached	edited	investigated	rated	tested
collaborated (with)	enabled	led	recommended	trained
collected	encouraged	made	recorded	translated
communicated	established	maintained	recruited	tutored
compiled	estimated	managed	referred	updated
composed	evaluated	marketed	regulated	utilized
computed	executed	measured	reorganized	verified
conducted	expanded	monitored	repaired	volunteered
constructed	expedited	negotiated	reported	wrote

### THE COVER LETTER

Each time you submit your résumé to an employer, you should enclose a cover letter. The cover letter serves several important functions:

- Explains why you are submitting the résumé.
- Introduces you to the employer.
- Serves as a vehicle for you to "sell yourself" more effectively to the employer and is the key to creating interest in your candidacy.

The cover letter gives you the opportunity to draw an employer's attention to the skills and experience outlined in your résumé. You can also expand upon information that particularly matches the position for which you wish to be considered. The cover letter can highlight special achievements that might otherwise go overlooked.

In summarizing your qualifications, highlight your most appropriate skills or background in relation to a particular position without simply reiterating the information on your résumé. Refer the reader to your enclosed résumé for further details of your past accomplishments.

Remember: Similar to the Career Objective on your résumé, the focus of the cover letter is what you can do for the organization—not what you want from the organization!

You must personalize your cover letter by preparing each letter individually and addressing it to an individual rather than a title or department.

As with the résumé, use a letter quality printer. Duplicated or obvious form letters are inappropriate and unprofessional. The cover letter should be no more than one page long and should be produced on the same paper as your résumé and reference sheet.

### **REFERENCES**

You should develop a list of references with name, title, relationship to you, address, phone number, and e-mail address on a separate sheet. This sheet can be enclosed with the résumé or carried to an interview. Never list just the name and phone number of a reference.

Make sure you include your personal information on the top of the reference sheet using the same header as what is on your résumé. The font style and paper type/color should match your cover letter and résumé. Do NOT staple the reference sheet (or cover letter) to the résumé.

Some suggestions relating to selecting and working with your references:

- Always ask the person's permission to use him or her as a reference. Do not assume that the person will be willing to recommend you. This courtesy is appreciated and may avoid later embarrassment—or a negative letter of reference. "Would you be comfortable serving as a reference for me?" opens the dialogue. Be prepared to hear a "no" or to deal with some reservations.
- Give the person a copy of your current résumé.
- Discuss the type of position you will be seeking and your career goals. If there are particular skills or information you hope he or she will include in the reference, mention these.
- Consider maintaining a portfolio or file of letters of reference, transcripts, and other information that employers may request or you plan to share during the job search.

**Just a reminder:** The people who provide your references should be able to share information about your skills and abilities relevant to the types of positions for which you will be applying. Professional references are typically former or current employers, professors who know you well (preferably from your major field of study or courses which relate to your career goals), colleagues, professionals with whom you have worked on projects, or advisors with whom you have been involved in activities. Three to five references are considered an appropriate number for the reference sheet.

September 2008 – Present

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**Charles Peterson** cp123456@ohio.edu

> Athens, Ohio 45701 740-555-9999 Apt. 1002

EDUCATION

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, OHIO UNIVERSITY, Athens, Ohio

Bachelor of Business Administration, June 2011 Majors: Accounting and Business Economic

**Business Context Cluster** Cumulative G.P.A.:

- Worked in teams as well as individually to analyze business operations, strengths, weaknesses, solve complex business problems, and create solutions
  - Learned to handle vague assignments, work independently/cooperatively, and conduct thorough research

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

ERNST & YOUNG, LLP, New York, New York

une 2010- August 2010

Financial Services Advisory – Asset Management Advisory Services Summer Intern

- Assessed the clients' business operations to identify compliance and control risks by interviewing selected employees and
- reviewing their policies and procedures, in order to advise them on how to mitigate such risks
  Assisted the Derivatives Valuation Center in valuing municipal swaps, using Bloomberg and Oberon Front Office
  Learned about the various aspects of credit risks for banks, asset managers, and leasing companies by helping the credit

ERNST & YOUNG, LLP, New York, New York

team develop its knowledge repository

January 2010 - March 2010

Assurance and Advisory Business Services - Hedge Fund Winter Intern

- Learned about the three-billion-dollar hedge fund client's investment vehicles and back office operations by studying the documentation of the walk-through procedure and interacting with the trading, operations, and accounting personnel Interviewed the funds' controllers and accountants to investigate any discrepancies or exceptions found in the audit

  - process

Executed all year-end audit procedures according to the Ernst & Young's Global Audit Methodology

OHIO UNIVERSITY TREASURY MANAGEMENT, Athens, Ohio

Financial and Accounting Assistant

Hired as a student in the Ohio University's Program to Aid Career Exploration (PACE) Assisted the Senior Financial Analyst in monitoring the investments of Ohio University endowment fund

Compiled the investment data that support the summary report to the Board of Trustees

OHIO UNIVERSITY INTERNAL AUDIT, Athens, Ohio

August 2008 – June 2009

 Performed audit tests using databases such as Oracle and Student Information System Financial and Accounting Assistant

- Analyzed operations in order to find possible improvements and clearly communicate them to senior auditors Created a new employee time management database for the department using Microsoft Visio and Microsoft Access

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

CORPORATE LEADERSHIP FELLOWS, Athens, Ohio Corporate Leader

- Chosen competitively to serve as one of the 13 seniors who represent the College of Business to the corporate world
- Engaged in roundtable discussions with business leaders about their corporate experiences and their insights on business

November 2009 - Present OHIO UNIVERSITY STUDENT EQUITY MANAGEMENT GROUP, Athens, Ohio

conducting economy, industry, and company-specific analyses, using tools and databases such as Bloomberg and Market Oversaw analysts' researching for alpha-generating equity securities for the one-million-dollar student-run portfolio by

DELTA SIGMA PI PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS FRATERNITY, Active Member,

January 2008 – Present

## HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dean's List Every Quarter of Eurollment, John Carroll's Book Scholarship 2009, Pepsi Scholarship 2009, David B. Kropschot Scholarship 2009, Robert and Georgena Beck Scholarship 2009 and 2010, Dean's Scholarship 2008 and 2000, Robert Bischop Scholarship 2009, LeaderShape<sup>1M</sup> Institute Certificate 2008, and Beta Gamma Sigma

Melissa Ortiz One Park Place ♦ Athens, OH 45701 ♦ 740-555-5555 ♦ Melissa.A.Ortiz.1@ohio.edu

Education

Permanent Address: 499 Mitchell Rd. Apt. 411 Columbus, Ohio 43210

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology Ohio University, Athens, OH

June 2011

Minor in Sociology

GPA: 3.4

Experience

Crisis Interventionalist/Hotline Specialist Careline Crisis Hotline, Athens, OH

December 2009 – Present

- Performed de-escalation techniques when answering crisis calls
- Campaigned to maintain state funding of the Tri-County mental health system
  - Maintained accurate and confidential call documentation
- Referred callers to appropriate legal, medical, and financial assistance

September 2009 - June 2010 Southeast Psychiatric Hospital, Athens, OH

- Coordinated recreational and social activities for patients Volunteer
- Built rapport with patients through interaction and open communication

Eye Deals, North Olmstead, OH Sales Associate

Summers 2007 - 2009

Exceeded company sales records by 25%

Responsible for opening and closing store along with cash control

Research Experience

Ohio University Department of Psychology, Athens, OH Research Lab Assistant

September 2009 - June 2010

Assisted in data collection evaluating a multi-session sexual assault risk reduction plan

for women

August 2009 - June 2010

Coded and entered data using SPSS

Conducted library research

September 2008 - June 2009 Ohio University Department of Psychology, Athens, OH

Assessed participant's cardiovascular reactivity utilizing a blood pressure monitor Research Lab Assistant

Operated and calibrated an impedance cardiograph

Collected data using Cardiac Output for Windows

Golden Key International Honour Society, Athens, OH Honors & Activities

March 2010 - Present

Social Chair and Fundraising Chair

September 2009 – Present

Organized and resourcefully planned social events

Coordinated and managed fundraising events, raising over \$5,000 in one year

Psi Chi, Athens, OH Historian

Compiled chapter history of the National Honor Society in Psychology

Ensured chapter's historical records were properly preserved

American Psychological Association, Washington, DC Student Affiliate

September 2008 – Present

,	L Kappa. Member Reading	Organized community service opportunities for new members  Dean's Undergraduate Student Advisory Council, Ohio University Secretary, 9/08-6/09     Assisted with designing surveys for student body in the College of Education     Collected data and wrote reports of student concerns     Submitted reports to the Dean of the College of Education		Office of Residential Housing, Onlo University Resident Assistant, 9/08-6/09  • Supervised floor section of 19 female residents in Lincoln Hall  • Designed and advertised health and safety related programming HyperStudio, KidPix, Claris Works, Quattro Pro, SMART Board	
Newman	PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP		HONORS ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE	COMPUTER	
Janelle L. Newman  Janelle.M.Newman.1@ohio.edu  Permanent Address: 759 Johnson Rd. Huron, Ohio 44839 419-555-9768	Ohio University, Athens, Ohio Bachelor of Science in Education, June 2011 Major: Early Childhood Education Certifications: Reading Endorsement K-12 Cumulative GPA: 3.6/4.0	Chauncey Elementary School, Chauncey, Ohio Professional Intern, 4/11-6/11  Taught cooperatively in a second grade classroom with 26 students Followed curriculum guidelines to develop and implement a science unit Communicated with parents through parent-teacher conferences Created a classroom calendar using a digital camera and related technology Assisted with planning and managing family literacy nights	Ohio University Chauncey Literacy Partnership Student Volunteer, 9/09-6/10  Completed 450 hours in Early Childhood placement Designed and implemented lessons for at-risk students in Kindergarten, First, and Second grades Completed all coursework for K-12 Reading Endorsement Reading Tutor, 9/09-6/10  Worked 40 hours with a struggling second-grade student Diagnosed reading mobilems using various tests	Utilized activities and games to remediate reading problems  Vitilized activities and games to remediate reading problems  Assisted student with authoring a book  Kids on Campus, Ohio University  Substitute Teacher, 6/09-8/09  Poveloped age-appropriate lesson plans and activities for the summer institute  Reading Tutor, 6/09-8/09  Developed and implemented lesson plans  Worked one-on-one with struggling readers	Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio  Nursery School Coordinator, 9/08-Present  • Supervise toddler and preschool children  • Design and implement age-appropriate activities  Chauncey Elementary School, Chauncey, Ohio  Personal Aide, 11/08-1/09  • Worked one-on-one with a kindergarten student to improve student behavior
Campus Address: 100 W. Union St. Athens, Ohio 45701 740-589-0000	EDUCATION	CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE			RELATED EXPERIENCE

Athens, OH

## Ginny Grover

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Education	Ohio University, Athens, OH
	Bachelor of Science in Health Service Administration
	Minor: Business

Deans List – 10 Quarters 5.P.A.: 3.6

Related

## June - August 2010 Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital Foundation, Ashland, KY Experience

· Collaborated with Public Relations to compile a document of foundations in

- · Managed 500+ pledge vouchers for Pay for Play fundraiser to benefit the hospital Kentucky that provide health care grants
- Organized promotional campaign for the Longaberger Hope Basket Breast Cancer Awareness Event

# June - September 2009 River Cities Community Health Coalition, Ashland, KY

 Compiled a mental health needs assessment to be used to improve the quality of care received in the tri-state region

· Conducted research with Pathways, Inc., Shawnee Mental Health Center, Inc., and Prestera Mental Health Center

# Ohio University College of Health and Human Services, Athens, OH Experience

January 2010 - Present

 Plan, market, conduct and assess events sponsored by the college and its schools Special Events Coordinator

# Hamilton County Clerk of Courts, Cincinnati, OH

Seasonal 2007 - 2009

 Scanned, filed and entered data from confidential court documents Student Worker

• Independently conducted an inventory project for four of their large offices, making digital photos of their inventory available through their intranet

## Future Health Care Administrators, Athens, Leadership

September 2008 – Present

Community Service Chair and Historian

Coordinate quarterly community service programs

Create and organized a portfolio of past events, outings, programs and membership

September 2007 - Present Ohio University Women's Club Lacrosse Team, Athens, OH

President, 2008-2009, Team Captain, 2009-Present

- Coach team, supervised and ran all practices, and created new plays
- Schedule all games, hosted a tournament, filled out and revised all paperwork
- Schedule referees for all home games, delegated money for games

ntermediate Spanish

Skills

Adobe Photoshop

### Erin K. Quinn

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## Ohio University

June 2011

# Bachelor of Communication Studies

Related Areas: Marketing & Public Relations Concentration: Organizational Communication Graduation Date: June 2011

Major GPA: 3.4/4.0 Dean's List

Athens, OH

Pittsburg, PA

Pittsburg, PA

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

## Clear Channel Communications

Sales Intern, December 2010

Wrote and transcribed commercial spots for clients of 94.5 3WS, WDVE, KISS FM 96.1

Created databases to highlight and generate awareness of prospective radio buyers

## **PSSI Stadium Corporation**

Event Operations Intern, June - August 2010

Assisted with Heinz Field events: Rib Fest, Champion's world soccer game and preseason Steelers' games

Coordinated and prepared materials for employee training sessions

Resolved guest issues and discord during events with Guest Services

Managed main switchboard and administrative desk for Director of Stadium Management

New York, NY

### Intern, June – August 2009 **TMG Public Relations**

Assisted with the creation of press kits and releases, VNR's and PSA's

Researched, edited and media monitored for various projects, including CitiBank's Credit-ED

Designed and implemented protocol for future interns to use when pitching stories to editors

# Ohio University School of Telecommunications

Athens, OH

Program to Aid Career Exploration (PACE), September 2008 - June 2009

Coordinated TCOM banquets and seminars, including event scheduling and room bookings

Provided tours of Radio and Television Building to potential undergraduates

## COLLEGE INVOLVEMENT

# Lambda Pi Eta College of Communication Honor Fraternity

Athens, OH

Public Relations Chair, April 2008-June 2009

Publicize and coordinate events to enrich relations between students and faculty

Inform undergraduates of organization; create excitement about membership into LPE

# Alpha Omicron Pi-Omega Upsilon Chapter Public Relations Chair / Continuous Open Recruitment Chair / Leader's Council Member, May 2007- May 2008

Portray sorority and Greek Life community in positive light while recruiting potential new members

Co-produce quarterly Greek Meridian (newspaper solely highlighting OU Greek Life)

Create and implement publicity programs for recruitment, philanthropic events and functions

# Ohio University National PhonAThon

Alumni Relations Student Ambassador, August 2007-April 2008

Build rapport among OU alumni and parents while soliciting funds for Bicentennial Campaign

Update records and maintain current databases

### Robert B. Bobcat

Rb123456@ohio.edu

Permanent Address: Fazewell, TN 37879

123 Eagleridge Ln.

(423) 111-1111

Current Address:

123 Smith St. Apt. 101 Athens, OH 45701

(740) 555-5555

Desire a position in a manufacturing environment with a special interest in but not limited to the areas of production and quality assurance engineering/management. Objective:

Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology, June 2011 Education:

Emphasis on Manufacturing & Process and Manufacturing Information Technology,

Russ College of Engineering and Technology, Ohio University, Athens, OH Major GPA3.4/4.0 Dean's List 5 quarters

Product Manufacturing Metal Machining Quality Assurance & Metrology Hydraulics and Pneumatics Managerial Accounting Production Tooling Quality Assurance Public Speaking

Experience with CAD software: Solid Edge V14 and AutoCAD 2005, Mastercam, SQL Server and

Technical experience with emphasis on Manufacturing Information Technology and Manufacturing

Certified Manufacturing Technologist (CMfgT)

Processes.

MySQL

Qualifications:

Relevant Courses: Skilled in project economics and analysis techniques: return on investment and net present value.

Excellent human relations, leadership, and public speaking skills developed and demonstrated by various leadership positions held.

XYZ Manufacturing, Cleveland, OH Professional

Quality Assurance Engineer, Co-Op, 6/09-9/09

Experience:

Initiated various quality tools to improve productivity and quality in the manufacturing process, resulting 5% increase in production

Gained direct exposure to lean manufacturing philosophy

Strengthened time management skills by meeting numerous deadlines in the manufacturing process, resulting in \$50,000 savings

Debugged and troubleshot techniques associated with manufacturing process

❖Demonstrated supervisory and leadership skills

ABC Design, Columbus, OH

Design Engineer, Co-Op, 6/08-9/08

Designed electrode ports used in the manufacturing process

Assisted with the design of the company's web site utilizing state-of-the-art techniques

Coordinated with vendor to design and evaluate a variable output power supply

Ohio University, Department of Residence Life, Athens, OH

Resident Assistant, 9/07- present

Experience:

Work

\*Responsible for administration and programming duties associated with a community of 30

Demonstrated strong leadership, programming, administrative and advisory skills

Ralph's Sporting Goods, Tazewell, TN

Sales Associate, Summer 2007-2008

Marketed a complete line of sporting goods and consistently exceeded sales quota

❖Developed excellent customer service skills as evidence by customer surveys

Experienced in purchasing and inventory control

Vice President Society of Manufacturing Engineers

Activities:

Society of Automotive Engineers

President Phi Kappa Psi social fraternity

Captain of Intramural Basketball and Softball Teams

## COVER LETTER FORMAT

(Make top and bottom margins approximately equal)

Athens, OH 45701 3 North Main St.

740-555-5555

Kb99999@ohio.edu

September 21, 2009

Mr. Jack Thompson

Buying/Merchandising Department Federated Department Stores, Inc.

7 West Seventh St.

Cincinnati, OH 45202

Dear Mr. Thompson:

applying/type of work you are seeking. Mention how you heard of the opening or the organization. Briefly state why you are interested in working for this specific Opening Paragraph: State why you are writing, the position for which you are organization.

skills, experience, education, etc. that may be of interest to this particular employer. You may want to refer to the enclosed résumé but do not re-hash the entire résumé; mention only the highlights that will make them want to read the résumé. Be sure Middle Paragraph: This is the main body of what you want to communicate: the to address the key points described in the want ad or job posting. You may also want to discuss what attracts you to this position/organization.

Closing Paragraph: Mention your sincere interest in an interview opportunity and reiterate how they can contact you by including your email address and phone number. Be sure to thank them for their consideration.

Sincerely,

Katherine Blazier

Katherine Blazier

Enclosure

(If a résumé or other information is enclosed, be sure to refer to it in the letter)