

COVER LETTER SAMPLE

* For a review e-mail
pca@utep.edu

Employer Information

If you do not have the name of the person, use Hiring Manager, Human Resources Representative or Search Committee, etc.

Opening Paragraph:

State the position you are applying for, and how you found out about the organization and/or position.

Middle Paragraph 1:

Include why THEY would want to hire you. Give detailed information about how your qualifications fit the position's responsibilities.

Middle Paragraph 2:

Include why YOU want to work for them. Showcase your research on the organization and enthusiasm for the position and employer.

Closing Paragraph:

Refer the reader to your enclosed résumé and ask for an interview. Do not forget to include your contact info.

Date

Ms. Mary Jones
Company Name
Department (*if applicable*)
Company Street Address
Company City, State, and Zip Code

Dear Ms. Jones:

It is with great interest that I am applying for the Logistics Engineer position at General Corporation which was posted on the UTEP Career Center's website, Job Mine. I look forward to using my knowledge and experience within supply chain management to make a significant contribution to the efficiency of the department and the building of solid relationships throughout General Corporation.

As a self-starter, I am recognized as someone with sound judgment and the ability to advance a team towards its goals. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering. In addition, I acquired valuable knowledge about the field and have developed effective communications skills by leading several team projects to successful completion. As an intern at Salt River Projects with the Engineering Department, my strong leadership and negotiation skills led to developing solid working relationships with two suppliers I introduced to the organization.

In carefully considering General Corporation as a future employer, I am especially drawn to the core values of sustainability and innovation. I enjoy working in a collaborative work environment, something that is the cornerstone of General Corporation's cross-functional work groups. I believe that it is key to draw on individual's strengths while working towards a common goal of producing a quality experience for our customers via the delivery of exceptional products.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider me for the Logistics Engineer position. My experience in project management and budget forecasting are summarized on my résumé, which is enclosed for your review. I am eager to meet with you and discuss this opportunity. You can reach me at (915) XXX-XXXX or your.name@miners.utep.edu.

Sincerely,

(Sign here)

Your Name



What is a Cover Letter

A **cover letter** is a professional letter that states your intention to apply for a specific position, introduces you to the employer, and emphasizes your passion and enthusiasm for the position for which you are applying.

Before you start, carefully **review the job description** and highlight skills and qualifications that match your experience. Help the hiring manager understand that you can do/learn the job by making the connection between your experiences and skills to the ones listed on the job description.

Things to remember:

- Your cover letter should always be placed before the résumé
- If sending as an email, the cover letter goes in the body of the email and attach your résumé (preferably in PDF format)
- Always review your cover letter and résumé for typos and grammatical errors
- Keep your cover letter one page in length
- Do not staple your documents together, instead, use a paperclip
- Take at least three extra copies of your résumé and cover letter to the interview

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I use the same letter for multiple job postings I am applying to?

A: Never – you need to personalize each letter and include at least one paragraph specifically stating your knowledge and research of the organization and how you can meet their needs.

Q: What's the most important thing to focus on in the body of the letter?

A: Share your passion and enthusiasm in a cover letter, since it doesn't always come through on a résumé. Narrate a summary of your skills and experiences that match the job description requirements.

Q: What is a letter of interest?

A: A letter of interest is utilized when you are interested in working for a company that is not currently hiring. You would submit a letter of interest to the employer for consideration to any future openings. Employers may ask for a “Letter of Interest” but mean “Cover Letter” or vice versa. You can use the same letter format for both.

