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Koty Vande Griend
Human Resources Director
Iowa State Bank
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Dear Ms. Vande Griend:

I am excited to apply for the Financial Internship at Iowa State Bank. Having lived in Orange City for the past two years as a college student and holding an account with Iowa State Bank, I have grown to value Iowa State Bank's priority of serving customers and the Northwest Iowa community. Additionally, I have developed an interest in learning and growing as a young professional in the business finance sector. My previous work experience, rigorous coursework, and performance as a high-level student athlete have prepared me to excel as a financial intern at Iowa State Bank.

My work experiences and passion for serving others, especially in my community, have helped me gain financial skills and expertise. As the owner and operator of a lawn care company, I have managed a client portfolio of around 30 clients. In the process, I have learned how to interact and build relationships with different clients while meeting their individual and unique needs. As a student at Northwestern College, I demonstrated my financial competence when my peers voted for me to be the treasurer of the Agriculture Club. In addition, I have gained a deeper understanding of the ag-business industry by engaging in 25 hours of job shadow experience, with 10 hours specifically shadowing a Financial Lending Officer, Crop Insurance Officer, Regional Vice President of Lending, and Senior Vice President of Lending at Farm Credit Services of America. These experiences have molded me into a customer-focused professional with significant financial experience.

My coursework at Northwestern College – including Intro to Agricultural Business, Business Data Analysis/ Spreadsheets (Excel), Agricultural Technology, Principles of Financial Accounting, Principles of Micro and Macro Economics, Principles of Management, Project Management, Applied Statistics for Management, and Agricultural Issues and Ethics – have given me the technical skills to excel in the banking and finance industry. The high level of excellence demanded from these classes, as well as my involvement as a student athlete, has required that I manage my time well and prioritize my tasks effectively. Additionally, I have taken advantage of opportunities on campus to strengthen my leadership skills, my work ethic, and my commitment to growing through challenges.

Iowa State Bank's mission to be professional, friendly, and confident servants to their customers and communities is something I find highly admirable and something that I would like to be a part of. My relevant job experience, coursework, and experience as a high-level student athlete have prepared me well to learn from the corporate world and carry out the duties of a financial intern at Iowa State Bank. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my qualifications in person, over the phone at 515-XXX-XXXX, or via email at xxxxx@nwciowa.edu. Thank you for your time and consideration of my application. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Grant Rychnovsky