

1. Contact Information — Make it easy for the employer to identify and contact you. Keep this consistent with your resume when possible.

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Corporate Trainer | Example Company | Hiring Manager | Anytown, TX

2. Target & Greeting — Identify the position and organization, then use a professional greeting. Address the hiring manager by name when you know it.

Dear Hiring Manager,

3. Opening / Value Proposition — Establish the role you're pursuing, your most relevant qualifications, and the value you bring.

I am pleased to apply for the Corporate Trainer position with Example Company. With more than 18 years of experience designing training, onboarding employees, facilitating professional development, and helping teams adapt to change, I bring a strong foundation in learning and development, communication, and performance improvement. I am excited to apply that experience in a corporate training environment.

Throughout my career, I have designed onboarding programs, led professional development, managed learning systems, and coached employees through change. In leadership roles, I coordinated large-scale training initiatives, partnered with cross-functional stakeholders, and managed a \$250,000 improvement fund supporting strategic programs and technology investments. These experiences strengthened my ability to translate organizational goals into practical learning experiences that improve engagement and performance.

5. Career Connection — Connect experiences that may not be obvious from your resume, including career changes, transferable skills, or an unconventional career path.

More recently, working in a new industry strengthened my ability to communicate complex information clearly, build trusted relationships, and provide individualized guidance. Earning a professional financial counseling credential also demonstrated my commitment to continuous learning and my ability to quickly develop expertise in unfamiliar subject matter.

I am particularly drawn to Example Company's emphasis on employee development and practical, high-quality training. The opportunity to help employees build the knowledge and confidence they need to succeed strongly aligns with the work I have found most meaningful throughout my career. I would welcome the opportunity to bring my experience in training delivery, program coordination, and learner engagement to your team.

4. Evidence & Results — Support your qualifications with relevant experience, accomplishments, scope, and measurable results.

6. Why This Opportunity — Connect your experience and career goals to the specific role, organization, or mission.

Thank you for your consideration. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how my background in training, communication, and employee development could support Example Company's goals. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,
Jessie Jobseeker

7. Closing & Sign-Off — Reinforce your fit, express interest in continuing the conversation, thank the reader, and close professionally.

HOW TO WRITE A STRONGER COVER LETTER

A strong cover letter adds context to your resume, demonstrates your fit, and helps the employer understand why this opportunity makes sense for you.

TAILOR IT TO THE OPPORTUNITY

A strong cover letter should feel written for one employer and one position, not copied and pasted across applications.

Keep it concise – this should typically fit on one page, with focused paragraphs and plenty of white space.

Use the job posting to identify the employer's priorities, then emphasize the experience, accomplishments, and strengths that best address those needs. When possible, include something specific about the organization, role, or mission that genuinely interests you.

Quick Test: If you could change the company name and send the exact same letter somewhere else, it probably needs more tailoring.

ADD VALUE BEYOND YOUR RESUME

Your resume tells the employer what you've done. Your cover letter gives you room to explain why it matters and how it connects.

A cover letter can be especially valuable when you need to provide context around:

Career Changes • Transferable Skills • Career Gaps • Relocation • Returning to Work • Industry Changes • Connection to Employer

You don't need to explain everything. Focus on information that helps the employer better understand your candidacy.

SHOW, DON'T JUST CLAIM

Generic statements tell the employer very little.

Instead of: "I am a strong leader with excellent communication skills."

Try: "In my current role, I coordinate cross-functional initiatives involving operations, leadership, and external partners, translating complex requirements into clear action plans."

The difference? The second version demonstrates the skill instead of simply claiming it.

BEFORE YOU HIT SEND

- Does the letter clearly identify the position?
- Does the opening establish why you're qualified?
- Did you include evidence instead of generic claims?
- Does it add something beyond your resume?
- Did you explain why this particular opportunity interests you?
- Is it concise and easy to scan?
- Does the language sound like you?
- Did you verify the employer name, hiring manager, and position title?
- Did you proofread one final time?

ROCKSTAR TIP

Your cover letter shouldn't repeat your resume. It should connect the dots between your experience, the employer's needs, and why the opportunity makes sense for you.

COMMON COVER LETTER MISTAKES

- Repeating the resume word-for-word
- Sending the same generic letter to every employer
- Focusing primarily on what you want from the position
- Making claims without examples or evidence
- Using overly formal or unnatural language
- Writing long, dense paragraphs
- Including unnecessary personal information
- Failing to proofread names, titles, and company information
- Relying on AI-generated language that doesn't sound like you

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