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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Michael Jon and I am a third year student at Oklahoma State University. I am currently pursuing a five-year Bachelor of Architecture Degree, and I plan to follow up with a one-year master's degree after I graduate.

While in high school, I worked extensively with my local Habitat for Humanity branch to help build homes for low income families. I learned about the construction process from the ground up, and I discovered the importance of function in architectural design. The homes we built during my four years as a volunteer were never extravagant, but they served their purpose and became a beacon of hope for their owners.

My education is largely focused on this mindset: function over form, stability over showmanship. I have enrolled in several classes that crossover to the Architectural Engineering major because I want to have a comprehensive view of how design meets structure. I have worked on three extra-credit residential design projects under the supervision of my architecture professors (Dr. X and Dr. Y) to accelerate my research and education.

I wanted to become an architect to create accessible, affordable housing opportunities in underprivileged communities. Living in a college town, I have seen countless rental properties available, but there are few homes for sale that are priced affordably enough for college students and first-time buyers. This is the case in many towns throughout America, especially areas with a low standard of living. My goal is to build neighborhoods of sufficient starter homes that can help adults build equity, avoid excessive debt, and create financial stability for their futures.

I have an internship scheduled with LMNOP Architectural Firm in the summer, and I will continue my on-the-job training there after my master's degree. After working under acclaimed residential architects Suzan Craft and Peter Wood, I would like to open my own architectural firm focused on developing inexpensive, high-quality housing. Also, I would like to work with Habitat for Humanity again, this time as an architect instead of a general laborer. I believe firmly in their mission to build "a world where everyone has a decent place to live."

I appreciate your consideration. With your assistance, I can continue my schooling in architecture and design to bring accessible homes to those in need.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Jon