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Dear Future Employer,

I am currently a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln studying Turfgrass and Landscape Management. I am interested in being a part of your organization.

As you can see from my resume, during my education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, I have taken many classes in the fields of horticulture and agronomy. I did exceptionally well in a soils class that I learned how soil textures, structure, pH, and fertility affect plant growth. I received an "A" in a plant identification class taught by Kim Todd. We were not only taught how to identify plants but also use them in landscapes. Mrs. Todd was also my professor in ornamental pruning in which we were taught the proper technique and timing to prune trees and shrubs. In my class taught by Dr. Eric Watkins, I was taught how to identify cool and warm season turfgrasses as well as common weeds. We were also taught how to calibrate throw and drop spreaders as well as how to calculate the amount of fertilizers, seed, and top dressing applied.

I have had hands on experience working at a professional level sporting facility which has prepared me for high level quality and expectations to be met. I have worked in deadline oriented and laborious jobs which have helped me build my hard working and goal setting skills. In these jobs I learned many new skills. I learned how to cut, roll, and place sod; repair and replace irrigation systems; work with and use machinery; and manage small work crews.

I am always looking forward to pushing myself and learning new skills and information that will help me succeed in the work place. I work enthusiastically and positively which I believe promotes coworkers work ethic and attitude. At the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, I took a leading role in helping to restart the Turf Club on campus. I was then appointed to Secretary of the organization by my peers. I was also a rank leader in the UNL Cornhusker Marching Band in which, perfection is mandatory. They have rehearsals every morning at 7:00 AM. Every morning, I would show up excited and ready to work because it is my job to memorize a new show every week and get my section ready to learn for the day.

Becoming a part of your organization will be a great opportunity for me put into practice what I have learned over the past couple years while being a part of a talented and professional crew. I have attached a resume with references for your convenience. I look forward to hearing back from you and would like to thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

Jacob W. Royal

“Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.”

–Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

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## Education

- University of Nebraska – Lincoln  
August 2008-Present  
Turf Grass and Landscape Management Major
- Waverly High School  
Graduated May 2008  
Class Rank: 27/127

## Classes

- Soil Resources with lab
- Plant Genetics with lab
- Pruning Ornamentals
- Turfgrass Management
- Dr. Eric Watkins, University of Minnesota
- Herbaceous and Woody Plants
- Interpersonal Skills for Leadership
- Accounting and Economics

## Skills

- Repair and replace irrigation system parts
- Calibrate seed and fertilizer spreader
- Built and designed outdoor living room with a creek and pond

## Work Experience

- **Minnesota Vikings** May-December 2012  
**Grant Davisson 952.828.6585**
  - Field Turf Manager (Internship)
    - Aerated and top dressed Kentucky bluegrass fields
    - Painted all lines, numbers, and logos on football fields
    - Replaced worn areas with new sod plugs and sod strips
    - Tested compaction and infill depth of an indoor artificial turf field
    - Groomed field with artificial turf
    - Tested volumetric moisture content of soil for wilt
    - Operated rotary deck and reel-type mowers, tractor, skid loader, and fork lift
- **Tailored Landscapes** May-August 2011  
**Jake Sittner 402.416.5691**
  - Landscaper (Internship)
    - Built water features and hardscapes
    - Managed 3-4 person work crew
    - Manage small nursery of landscape trees and shrubs
- **Whitehead Oil Company** May-August 2010
  - Grounds Keeper (Seasonal)
    - Pruned trees and shrubs, mowed, edged, and string trimmed land
    - Sharpened rotary deck mower blades
- **Quality Concrete** May-August 2009  
**Paul Schmidt 402.730.5752**
  - Concrete Worker (Seasonal)
    - Worked in a fast paced, hard work atmosphere
- **Creative Landscaping** May-August 2008  
**Marvin Lambie 402.730.8428**
  - Landscaper (Seasonal)
    - Worked in a deadline oriented, hard work atmosphere

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