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Dear Ms. Leslie Knope:

I am writing to apply for the Laboratory Assistant position with Test-a-Rific Laboratories at the Corvallis, OR, location. My background in chemistry, biology, and natural sciences provides me with an excellent foundation of knowledge that I am excited to bring to your environmental testing laboratory.

First, I recently obtained my bachelor's degree in environmental science with a minor in chemistry. Through coursework and projects, I developed scientific skills such as UV and atomic absorption spectroscopy, gas and liquid chromatography, fluorometry, titration, and potentiometric calculations. For example, I completed a self-paced laboratory course which allowed me to work independently and become familiar with various types of analytical equipment. To be successful in this course, I needed to determine the value of the unknown for each of 10 experiments within one percent of the accepted value. Based on this experience, I am confident I can follow scientific procedures and learn to use the equipment in your lab quickly.

In addition to my scientific background, I am someone who prides himself on completing tasks efficiently and bringing a strong work ethic into everything I do. For instance, as part of a recent restoration planning project for my major, I had multiple objectives with firm deadlines to meet, such as site visits to the Bald Hill Natural Area, project timelines, and budget breakdowns. I collaborated with three team mates to ensure we always met our goals and communicated effectively about the tasks needing completion. Ultimately, we provided a thorough assessment and recommendation report to the county to inform future decision making.

This position represents a great opportunity to utilize my background while gaining invaluable experience within a working laboratory. I hope to hear from you soon about the possibility of an interview. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Curt Johnson

