# CREATE A RESUME THAT HIGHLIGHTS YOUR STRENGTHS FIRST IMPRESSIONS LAST

### **OVERALL GUIDELINES**

your strengths marketing document

what is important to them?

action verbs

OPTIONAL SECTIONS	
Summary or Profile	

MANAGEMENT/ LEADERSHIP SKILLS

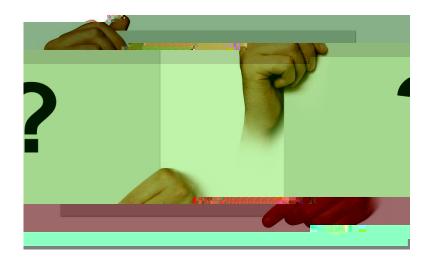
## Example Experience Descriptions

RELATED EXPERIENCE Team Member, Solar Hope – Tanzania

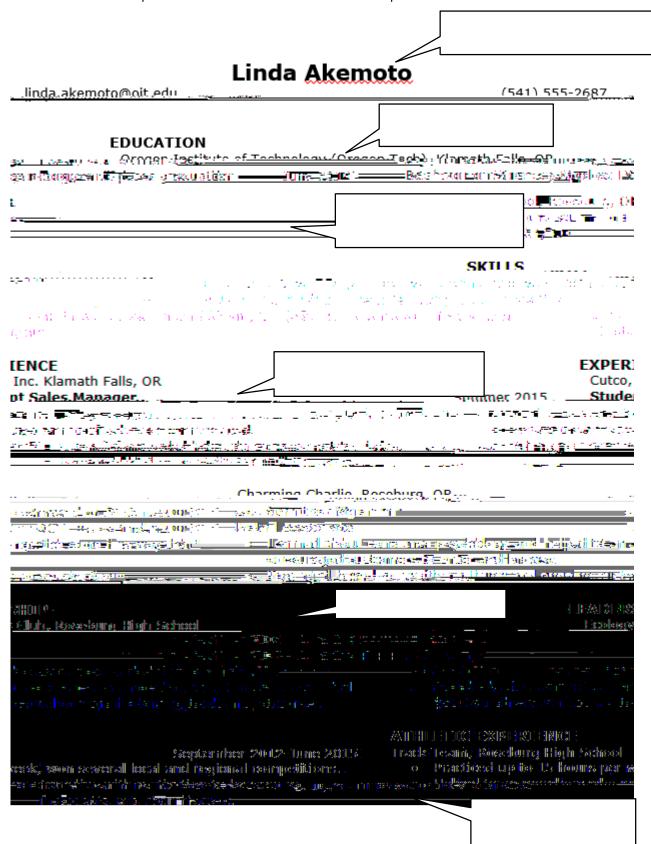
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LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE IEEE,

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## Freshman/Sophomore Resume Example: See our website for more



# Cover Letters: Focus on the Organization's Needs

#### Heading

(Same as resume with your name, email, etc.)

Date

Employer's Name Title of Employer Company/Organization Street Address City, State, Zip Code

Dear Hiring Manager: (or better yet, a name if you can get it)

#### **Opening Paragraph:**

The purpose of this paragraph is to introduce yourself and grab the employer's attention. Begin by stating your reason for writing the letter and how you learned about the organization/position (specifically name the person who referred you, if any). Include specific items that demonstrate your level of interest and knowledge about the organization. Conclude this paragraph with a persuasive statement about what makes you the ideal candidate for the position (state your strongest qualifications/most relevant skills).

#### Middle Paragraph(s):

The body of your cover letter may consist of 1-2 paragraphs that serve as your sales pitch to the employer. Use these paragraphs to elaborate on the qualifications/skills you mentioned in the opening paragraph.

- You may use bullet points and bold text for emphasis.
- Provide a few concrete examples that demonstrate your mastery of those skills (but try not to go overboard with examples).
- Show the employer why you are an excellent candidate by emphasizing what you could contribute by addressing specific qualifications listed in the job description).

#### **Closing Paragraph:**

Reiterate your interest in the position, thank the employer for his/her consideration, and request an opportunity to discuss your qualifications further in the future. Additionally, indicate how the employer can most easily reach you for follow-up (phone number and/or email).

Sincerely,

(sign if sending a hard copy)

Your First and Last name Enclosure: Resume

#### **COVER LETTER GUIDELINES**

- Make it interesting and show your commitment!
  Employers read a lot of boring cover letters.
- Include 3-4 paragraphs (Opening, Middle, and Closing).
- Do not exceed one page in length.
- Him the same type of font size/style, contact with mation heading, etc. as for your resume.
- Address the letter to a specific person (if the hiring manager is not listed, call the human

E-MAIL: If you are asked to e-mail your application, your cover letter is the body of your e-mail, and you attach only your resume. You do not need your contact information at the top, nor the addressee's contact information; simply begin your e-mail with "Dear [ ]" Be sure to reference the position number or name in the subject line of your e-mail.