Dear Hiring Manager,

As a college senior majoring in [your major], I'm excited to start the next chapter of my career, and I believe that the [name of position] at [company name] is the perfect opportunity to kickstart my career as a software engineer.

Throughout my academic journey, I have developed a solid foundation in [name what you've learned about computer science, programming languages, and software development methods]. My coursework has equipped me with [what have you learned? Be specific about the type of algorithms you've worked with or type of programming you've done].

I've applied what I've learned in the classroom and to real-world situations. Last summer I, [state what you did. This can be an internship, paid job, volunteer project, or passion project] where I [be specific. What projects did you work on? What team were you on?] This experience allowed me to hone my technical abilities and strengthened my ability to [mention an outcome. This could be an improved soft skill like learning to collaborate or a hard skill like improving your proficiency in a specific language or type of programming].

In addition to my technical abilities, what sets me apart is my [talk about other abilities and explain how you use them. Example: my strong problem-solving and analytical skills. I approach challenges with a logical mindset, breaking down complex problems into manageable components to find the solution]. As an example [include one example of a time you used this ability and what the outcome was].

I am particularly drawn to [company name] because of its [talk about something specific you found in your research]. The opportunity to [name something specific you'd be able to do in the role or at the company] aligns with my desire to [name something you want to do or a value that aligns with something the company does or stands for].

Thank you for taking the time to review my application. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number or email on my resume. I look forward to connecting and discussing how I can help [company name] achieve its goals.

Sincerely,
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[Your name]