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Dear [Company],

I would like to express my interest in the [job position]. Restoration ecology is something I have taken a large interest in within the past few years, and I believe my educational background and research internships, rooted in pollinator entomology, sustainable urban agriculture, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) will allow me to serve as a respectable intern for the [company/job].

My first exposure to restoration ecology occurred when I took a laboratory class for the ecology course offered at the University of North Texas (UNT): my instructor, Dr. Baxter-Slye, took the class on several field trips to conduct terrestrial invertebrate and prairie plant assessments. Dr. Baxter-Slye also encouraged me to join the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER), and I remain a member of the UNT, Texas, and World SER chapters to this day. Currently, I am also completing a certificate in GIS at Collin College. Through this, I have learned how to process and interpret spatial and raster imagery, create models in ModelBuilder to automate tedious workflows, run various types of analyses like kernel density, and create professional layouts of static maps.

Previously, I served another AmeriCorps position in partnership with the Student Conservation Association and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) to conduct pollinator research in northern New Mexico. Though the primary objective was to collect pollinators from several federally owned sites, I also assisted members of the USFWS, National Park Service, and New Mexico Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (NM MESA) with various outreach events. This included tabling at the Capulin Volcano Pollinator Festival, participating in riparian planting days for habitat restoration of the Mora River, and leading events for the NM MESA North Region Rally.

The other internships & student worker positions I participated in have also strengthened my knowledge in sustainability, native pollinators, and urban agriculture. For example, when I worked as a sustainability intern at Darling Ingredients in 2023, I collaborated with the Communications Department to help prepare Darling Ingredient's 2023 Texan by Nature 20 submission form (Texan by Nature is a nonprofit that promotes businesses advancing conservation in Texas). When I served as a summer technician for the Cariveau Lab at the University of Minnesota in summer 2025, I helped with fieldwork for bee research on bumblebees and the rare species *Colletes andrewsi*. At my current position with the AgriLife Research & Extension Center, I am gaining a deeper understanding of working with urban plants/crops and facilitating research that promotes more natural methods of pest control.

I am optimistic this experience will allow me to assist [the job program] with their environmental stewardship objectives. My enthusiasm for pollinator and conservation research, as well as my self-motivated and detail-oriented nature, can bolster sustainable practices for restoring our habitat and preserving our wildlife. In addition, my experience with GIS can facilitate projects

wanting to utilize the program to visually communicate with intended audiences. I would appreciate the ability to expand my efforts towards enhancing community resilience, as I am aware that engagement with others can inspire further action into environmental protection and justice. I believe this position would allow me to gain further confidence in learning how to effectively communicate and educate others on sustainable actions that support native or restored habitats which, in turn, promotes overall wellbeing.

I have attached my resume, but I am also willing to provide a curriculum vitae and my federal resume if you desire more insight into my work and school experience. If you have any questions or want to request additional information, feel free to contact me at [my contact information]. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Again, thank you so much,

-F. LaBry