

Components of a Cover Letter

Your Street Address
City, State, Zip

Date

Name of contact person
Title
Company Street Address
City, State, Zip

Dear Mr./Ms. Last Name:

The opening paragraph should arouse the interest of the employer. State why you are writing and give information to show your interest in this specific organization. If it is a letter of application, name the position for which you are applying and how you heard of it.

The middle paragraphs should create a desire on the part of the employer to know more about you. Explain why you are interested in working for this employer. Point out your achievements or qualifications in this field, especially those that meet the job description or requirements.

Refer the reader to your general qualifications on your enclosed resume. Highlight important points from your resume. Also highlight points that will be of particular interest to this specific organization.

The closing paragraph should pave the way for the interview by asking for an appointment, by offering to call the employer in the near future or by making some similar suggestion to facilitate an immediate and favorable reply.

Sincerely,
(Sign Here)

Your Name
Enclosure (You are noting that you have enclosed your resume)