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Mr. Eric Hurelbrink
Principal
Meridian High School
728 S Wall Street
Macon, IL 62544

Dear Mr. Hurelbrink,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Agriculture Teacher and FFA Sponsor that was announced on the Illinois Agricultural Education ListServe message. I have attached my resume for you to review and consider me a candidate for this position. You will see from my resume that I have yet to complete my student teaching experiences, but will do so this spring. In addition, I will apply for my educator license in January, and will provide you those documents as I receive them. As I hail from a high school that established their agriculture program only a year before I entered high school, I have already experienced the growth of a young program. With this experience in mind, I would cherish the opportunity to collaborate with the community of Macon and develop the Meridian High School Agriculture Program and FFA Chapter.

I am preparing to start the final semester of my graduate program at the University of Illinois. I will graduate with my Master's Degree in Agricultural Science Education and Teacher's Certificate in May. Through the past three semesters, I have taught four different courses as a Teaching Assistant in the College of ACES. With appointments in both the Animal Science and Agricultural Education programs, I have collaborated with numerous individuals with different priorities in regards to coursework, classroom/student management, and working with others. My assistantship has given me the opportunity to be in the classroom for three semesters, although I have yet to complete my student teaching. My experiences, paired with my confidence expected courses to be offered, would allow me to become a successful addition to the Meridian High School Faculty.

With my experiences to guide me, I want to pass along my passion for agriculture and the industry to the students of Meridian High School. The creation of a new agriculture program is a time for growth, excitement, and open-mindedness. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to further discuss this position. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Feel free to contact me by phone at (217) 254-5414 or via email at afellio2@illinois.edu.

Sincerely,



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PROFILE

To devote my career to educating high school students about the importance of agriculture and help them determine their future role in the agriculture industry.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Expected: May 2019

Masters of Science in Agricultural Leadership & Science Education

- Collegiate FFA & PAS Advisor

University of Illinois May 2017

Bachelor of Science in Animal Science Overall GPA: 3.01/4.00

- Related course work: Applied Animal Ecology, Animal Behavior, Communication in Agriculture, Human Animal Interaction, Advanced Animal Rescue and Outreach, Companion Animal Cruelty Investigation, Chemistry, Microbiology
- Teaching Assistant for Animal Science course 103 in the Sheep Laboratory Section

Lake Land College August 2014

Associate of Science in Agriculture GPA: 3.00/4.00

- Related course work: Introduction to Animal Science, Agricultural Education

WORK EXPERIENCE: Agricultural Education

Unity High School: Tolono, Illinois January 2019 to April 2019

Student Teaching Experience

- Will instruct the following courses: Introduction to the Agricultural Industry, Horticulture, BSAA, Agricultural Mechanics, 8th Grade Agricultural Explorations

University of Illinois Department of Agricultural Education August 2017 to December 2018

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Agricultural Education Course 220: Program Development in Agricultural & Leadership Education
 - Fall 2017; Fall 2018
- Agricultural Education Course 280: Training Needs Assessment
 - Fall 2017
- Agricultural Education Course 300: Training & Development
 - Spring 2018
- Animal Science Course 207: Companion Animal Care & Biology
 - Fall 2017; Spring 2018; Fall 2018
 - Teach weekly lessons and present new material to discussion sessions
 - Grade weekly review questions and additional relevant assignments
 - Communicate with students about upcoming assignments, deadlines, and additional information

Growing Agricultural Science Teachers Grant Program 2011; 2013

Intern

- Observed daily lessons and assisted when necessary
- Attended Illinois State FFA Convention
- Developed an award archives to document the Chapter's achievements

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WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois Department of Animal Science PNCL Laboratory April 2016 to May 2017
Research Assistant

Consolidated Call Center Services September 2013 to September 2015
Supervisor's Assistant

McDonald's of Mattoon, Illinois April 2010 to September 2013
Swing Manager

ORGANIZATIONS

Illinois Association of Vocational Agriculture Teachers 2017 to Present

National Association of Agricultural Educators 2017 to Present

Mattoon FFA Alumni June 2016 to Present

- o Founding Member
- o Chapter President

June 2016 to May 2019

Agriculture Future of America April 2016 to May 2017

- o 2016 AFA Animal Institute Delegate
- o 2016 AFA Leaders Conference Delegate

Postsecondary Agriculture Student Organization & Collegiate FFA August 2012 to May 2017

- o 2012 – 2015 Lake Land College & University of Illinois PAS & Collegiate FFA Member
- o 2016 University of Illinois Collegiate FFA ACES Council Representative and Committee Chair
- o 2016 National PAS College Bowl Champion

National FFA Organization August 2008 to October 2013

- o 2012 Illinois State Proficiency Winner
- o 2013 American FFA Degree recipient

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