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Sports and General Assignment Reporter

*The Berkley Independent*

Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Dear Editor:

I am writing today to apply for your sports and general assignment reporter position. I read about your career opening via The South Carolina Press Association's website.

I am currently working on my bachelors in Mass Communication at Winthrop University, with a focus on print journalism, which I will complete in May. I have a passion for sports reporting that dates back to my middle school days of watching Stuart Scott and Scott Van Pelt on Sportscenter. My nose for news has been developed through the Winthrop Mass Communication program, one of the best in the state. I'm interning for the *Herald Independent* out of Winnsboro, South Carolina. My duties involve covering home football games for both local high schools, taking photographs, writing previews for the next week's game, conducting follow-up interviews with coaches and creating player profiles. Also, I take additional assignments when there are no home games, given to me by the General Manager of Civitas Media, Patricia Edwards. I have had practice writing enterprise stories via an Advanced reporting class at Winthrop University. I have had practice with investigative reporting, Adobe Photoshop, In-design and Enterprise, also via courses at Winthrop University. Your newspaper sounds like an excellent opportunity for me to begin my journalism career. This job would provide a nice opportunity for me to step up from my previous beat coverage, as described in your posting. Your opening also represents room for me to expound on my past experience and become an even better sportswriter. Along with this cover letter, I have enclosed a copy of my resume.

Thank you in advance for this opportunity to join your place of employment. I will be available for an interview anytime you request. I would also be available to visit your newsroom for a possible tour any time that is convenient for yourself.

Sincerely,

Timothy Wooten

Enclosure