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Hiring Team
BlueCedar Digital Labs
Raleigh, North Carolina
Remote

Dear Hiring Team,

I am applying for the Associate PHP Developer role at BlueCedar Digital Labs. During a six-month supervised PHP internship, I built Laravel features for a service-booking application and worked through the same habits your role calls for: small, reviewable changes, careful testing, and early communication when requirements or environments were unclear.

In that internship, I investigated 18 defects by tracing requests, reproducing failures, and checking database behavior rather than treating symptoms as fixes. I also wrote PHPUnit tests for booking validation, authorization, and duplicate submissions. Using Git branches and pull requests, I incorporated review feedback and delivered assigned sprint stories for a five-person team. That experience taught me to make progress visible and to raise blockers before they affect a deadline.

My academic projects have given me practice across both Laravel and CodeIgniter. I built a Laravel portal for scheduling community services, including role-based access, searchable listings, booking conflicts, and MySQL data modeled around real user workflows. In a CodeIgniter inventory prototype, I separated product and transaction logic from presentation code and documented fixes for database and session issues. These projects strengthened my OOP fundamentals and helped me connect technical choices with practical concerns such as data accuracy, usability, and maintainability.

I would welcome the opportunity to contribute under senior guidance while learning BlueCedar's client codebases and development practices. I can bring a careful debugging process, familiarity with Laravel, CodeIgniter, PHPUnit, MySQL, and Git, and a straightforward approach to communicating progress. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

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