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Hiring Team
Northstar Sentinel Technologies
Austin, Texas
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Dear Hiring Team at Northstar Sentinel Technologies,

I am applying for the Entry Level Cybersecurity Engineer role at Northstar Sentinel Technologies. Your focus on protecting IT infrastructure through security monitoring and threat response is a strong fit for my postgraduate training and hands-on academic work in cybersecurity.

In my Cyber Defense Capstone, I built a six-host virtual network and used Elastic **SIEM** to monitor authentication failures, unusual outbound traffic, and privilege changes. I created a documented triage process for 18 test scenarios and prepared incident reports with evidence, severity, containment steps, and recommended remediation.

My **Linux** Security Laboratory work gave me practice hardening Ubuntu systems, reviewing access controls, and sending system logs to a centralized SIEM. I wrote **Python** checks for open ports, outdated packages, unauthorized accounts, and file-integrity changes. I tested firewall policies with TCP and UDP traffic, then documented the results in a Linux security runbook.

I have applied **ethical hacking** methods in supervised vulnerability assessments using Nmap, Burp Suite Community Edition, and OpenVAS. These projects strengthened my problem-solving, technical reporting, and teamwork skills. I would bring careful analysis, clear communication, and a strong interest in growing within Northstar Sentinel Technologies.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to discussing how my cybersecurity training can support your security operations team.

Sincerely,

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