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Entry-Level Penetration Tester Cover Letter



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Hiring Team
BlueHarbor Security LLC

Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Hiring Team at BlueHarbor Security LLC,

I am applying for the Entry-Level Penetration Tester role at BlueHarbor Security LLC. As a recent Cybersecurity graduate, I have built hands-on experience through supervised university labs, Capture the Flag exercises, and intentionally vulnerable environments. I am excited to begin my career on a team that performs **authorized security assessments** and helps improve the security of real systems.

In my university practicum, I conducted **network reconnaissance** and service enumeration across segmented Linux and Windows lab networks. I used Nmap, Wireshark, and Nessus to review TCP/IP services, DNS, HTTP traffic, and exposed ports. I compared scan results with manual checks to separate likely vulnerabilities from false positives, then documented evidence and testing limits.

I have practical experience with **web application security testing** through Burp Suite and browser-based checks. I tested authentication, authorization, session-management, and input-validation weaknesses in sandboxed applications. I recorded affected assets, reproduction steps, impact, CVE references, and remediation guidance, then retested corrected findings. Python and Bash scripts helped me create repeatable checks and review application responses.

BlueHarbor Security LLC appeals to me for its focus on ethical testing, clear rules of engagement, and development alongside experienced security professionals. I would bring careful analysis, clear technical writing, and respect for testing boundaries to your team. I am ready to keep building my offensive-security skills and support accurate, useful assessment reports.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to discussing how I can support BlueHarbor Security LLC's assessments.

Sincerely,

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