

Below is an example of a [job announcement](#). Your resume should address the qualifications and requirements for the position in the Skills/Qualifications section.

Job title: Second Grade Teacher

Job Type: Full Time

Location: Othello School District – Othello, WA

As a teacher in the Othello School District, you will work with your fellow colleagues to provide an enriching learning environment for our students. We are looking for someone who can effectively teach students of all abilities and maintain positive and supportive relationships with other staff members.

Job tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Organizing instructional programs within the prescribed curriculum
- Maintaining classroom discipline and using effective classroom management skills
- Working as an effective member of the department and school to evaluate and improve the program
- Effectively teaching students of varying abilities
- Working effectively with other staff members

Qualifications:

Required:

- Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education
- Valid Washington State Certificate
- Prior experience preferred
- Strong communication, leadership and teamwork skills

Desired:

- Enthusiasm and overall optimism toward teaching and student learning
- Assesses needs of students and implements effective lessons
- Ability to evaluate and improve current programs

Please send a resume and appropriate documents that serve as proof of successfully completing required education/experience. We are looking for evidence that you have the skills, experience, and abilities indicated in this announcement.

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Because employers rarely send anything by regular “snail” mail, street addresses are optional (city/state is OK). I would advise that it be left off any resume posted online (except for Saints4Hire, because it is a closed system).

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Do not label these as “Phone:” or “e-mail” – it’s obvious what they are.
Also, make sure your email address is professional and includes only your name.

Profile: this section should make it clear what position you are applying for and should include the keywords from the job ad. For example:

Graduate from Saint Martin’s University with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. Successful in building relationships with students and staff and presenting instructional material in an engaging and effective way.

Skills and Qualifications This is the MOST important section of a resume. Employers will usually take about 5 seconds to scan to see if the skills listed are what they are looking for in the job ad.

- Graduate from Saint Martin’s University with Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education
- Experience working in a classroom setting with students both individually and as a group
- 27 credits in Education coursework including *Classroom Management*, *Curriculum and Instruction*, and *Early Childhood Education*

The bulleted statements address the skills gained over a period of time in different workplaces that match the skills they are looking for.

Education Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, Saint Martin’s University, Lacey, WA

Graduation date May 2016

Dean’s list, fall of 2015 (3.87 GPA)

Always list the most recent first. You may add other college experience to the second page – only include it here if it is relevant to the job.

Omit high school!

Experience This section may contain both PAID and UNPAID experience. On a job application form, it will probably be separate. Your resume, however, is a summary of what experience you will bring to a specific job, no matter where or how you got it.

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2015-2016 Mountain View Elementary School – Teaching Assistant

- Aided in everyday classroom activities, including instruction and overall management
- Helped develop lesson plans and ways to present curriculum in new and engaging ways
- Worked with students both individually and in a group setting

2012-2014 Olympia Soup Kitchen Volunteer

- Helped prepare and serve meals to community members in need

2012-2016 Office of Human Resources – Work Study

- Managed front desk and answered phone calls
- Helped students fill out appropriate paperwork and helped maintain effective filing system

Your resume can go more than one page – put your name and page 2 on the second page and make sure your first page has the most relevant information on it.

Bullets under jobs/experience should be limited to no more than three. It is not necessary to list every job you ever had – this student probably worked some fast food or in-home jobs too where he developed his interpersonal and communication skills.

Leadership Dean's list, fall of 2015 (3.87)

Saint Martin's basketball team member, 2012-2016

Society of Fellows member, 2013-2016

Member of SMU Future Educators, 2014-2016

Interests These are optional, and should ONLY be included if related in any way to the type of work you will be doing.

References

Available upon request.

References go on a separate page with your name and contact information (like your resume heading). Make sure you indicate how you know each reference and provide contact information for them. Let your references know when you have provided their name to a potential employer.

Cover Letter Format

Your Address
City, State, Zip
Phone
E-Mail

This information may be at the top or after our name at the end.

Date

Name of Contact Person
Title
Organization
Street Address
City, State, Zip

Dear (Contact Person's Name):

Opening Paragraph: The reason you are writing.

State why you are writing and name the position or type of position for which you are applying. Mention how you learned of the position and the name of any referring person. Briefly describe why you are interested in this particular position.

Body of the Letter: Show enthusiasm for what you like to do.

Briefly describe the skills and/or experiences you have that fit the requirements of the position. If you have related experiences, mention your qualifications and achievements. This is your chance to give the reader more insight into who you are as a person. Do not repeat your resume. This is the time to mention **personal qualities or special experiences and motivators**.

Closing Paragraph: Directly, but politely, indicate your desire to further discuss your qualifications in an interview. Make it easy for the reader to contact you by providing your phone number, email and the best time to reach you. Thank the contact person for his or her time and consideration.

Sincerely,
(Leave four spaces between *sincerely* and *your typed name*)

Your signature

Your typed name
(Two spaces)

Sample Cover Letter

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June 27, 2016

Steve Miller, Human Resources
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Dear Mr. Miller,

Ms. Williams at Mountain View Elementary referred to your current job opening. I am very interested in furthering my career in the field of elementary education and this seems like a great way to start.

I am a recent graduate of the Saint Martin's University Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education program. During my time at Saint Martin's, I was involved in several extracurricular activities, clubs, and volunteer programs. My time at the Saint Martin's University involved being a teaching assistant at Mountain View Elementary in Lacey and courses such as Classroom Management, Curriculum and Instruction, and Early Childhood Education. My studies and other experiences have given me the opportunity to foster my classroom management, teaching, and relationship building skills.

I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and visit the Othello School District office in person to discuss the needs and qualifications you are seeking for this position. Thank you for taking the time to look over my resume. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Joshua Johnson

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