**ENTRY LEVEL COVER LETTER**

Date

Mr. Sylvester White
Director
Education First Corps
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Dear Mr. White,

Please accept my enthusiastic application to the Education First Corps. I would love the opportunity to be a hard-working, passionate member of your urban education fellowship. As soon as I read the description of the program, I knew I was a well-qualified candidate who believed wholeheartedly in the goals of Education First.

What immediately drew me to Education First was the program's emphasis on depth over breadth. I love that Education First fellows work with six to seven students, allowing them to focus on the individual needs of each child. I have extensive tutoring experience, having tutored an incoming high school student in English, another high school student in Algebra, and a college student in Calculus. I value the one-on-one relationship I developed with each of these students, and watching each of them gain confidence and improve academically was rewarding for both the students and me. I will never forget how proud one student was when she handed me her first high school English paper, on which she received her first "A." I believe I can bring these personal experiences and successes to the role of an Education First fellow.

I also love that Education First provides college graduates the opportunity to give back to their community. In high school, I worked at a nearby YWCA women's shelter, creating activities for children in the shelter; in college, I became involved in a community-wide reading program, Sarasota Reads, in which college and high school students lead literary discussions with 4th and 5th graders.

I believe that with the benefits of an education come responsibilities - particularly the responsibility to give back to those who may not have had the same opportunities. I know I can apply my passion for community service to enact social change as an Education First fellow.

You specify that Education First fellows must be willing to work hard and tirelessly for their students. I have a strong work ethic that would serve me well as a member of Education First. I have always been a driven student, receiving highest honors each semester and recently being inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

However, my work ethic extends beyond the classroom. I have worked for the past three years as the Recruiting Assistant for ABC College's Career Services Office; my supervisor nominated me for Student Employee of the Year in 2018, and I was promoted the same year. I continuously strive in extracurricular activities as well; as a clarinet player, I served as the first clarinet of my high school wind ensemble and performed in various competitions throughout Massachusetts and the East Coast. When I am passionate about an issue or a given task, I work tirelessly to see my goal achieved. I know I would extend this diligence to a position with Education First, particularly because it is a program about which I feel so strongly.

I am therefore confident that my tutoring experience, interest in community service, and strong work ethic are the qualities you are looking for at Education First. I have enclosed my resume and would love the chance to speak further with you about the opportunities your program offers.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ellen Smith (signature hard copy letter)