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Cybersecurity Intern Cover Letter

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Hiring Team
Northstar Industrial Supply
Chicago, IL 60661

Dear Hiring Team at Northstar Industrial Supply,

I am applying for the **Cybersecurity Intern** position at Northstar Industrial Supply. I am pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity at Illinois Institute of Technology and expect to graduate in June 2028 with a 3.62 GPA. Northstar's focus on technology, customer service, and systems that keep business moving makes this internship an exciting place to build my security career.

In the University Cyber Defense Lab, I monitor a 22-host network through Splunk dashboards and Windows event logs. I use Wireshark and Python to review traffic, separate routine activity from signs that need investigation, and document findings for faculty review. This work has given me practical experience with **SIEM alert triage, log analysis, and threat detection**.

My capstone work focused on **vulnerability management** and **incident response** in an Azure test environment. I reviewed OpenVAS findings, assigned remediation owners, tracked evidence in a ServiceNow-style register, and confirmed closure through rescans. I investigated a simulated intrusion by connecting firewall records, endpoint logs, and identity events before presenting a response plan. I have used **prompt engineering** and scripting for research, then checked each result against source logs and technical records.

I would bring curiosity, clear communication, and careful judgment to your **hybrid Chicago team**. I am interested in learning from security analysts, engineers, architects, and risk partners, contributing to real security outcomes, and presenting useful work to technology leaders at the end of the 10-week program.

Thank you for reviewing my application. I look forward to discussing how my lab and capstone experience can support Northstar Industrial Supply's cybersecurity team.

Sincerely,

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