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Entry-level Cybersecurity Associate Cover Letter

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Hiring Team
Redwood Signal Labs
Dallas, TX

Dear Hiring Team at Redwood Signal Labs,

I am applying for the Entry-level Cybersecurity Associate position at Redwood Signal Labs. I recently completed a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity at the University of North Texas, and I am interested in your **in-person training** program in Dallas. The chance to learn through real-world projects, mentorship, and a structured certification pathway is a strong fit for my early-career goals.

My training practicum and university security operations lab gave me hands-on experience with **daily security monitoring**, documentation, and **vulnerability assessments**. I reviewed simulated firewall, endpoint, and authentication alerts in Splunk and Microsoft Sentinel, recorded indicators and timelines, and wrote clear notes for review by instructors and peers. This work taught me to separate confirmed findings from open questions and to explain technical observations in a direct way.

I have performed controlled vulnerability checks and introductory **penetration testing** with Nmap, Nessus Essentials, Burp Suite, Metasploit, and Kali Linux. I documented reproduction steps, ranked findings by risk, and checked proposed fixes through retesting. I am pursuing the **GCIH certification pathway** and completing structured **OSCP preparation**, so Redwood Signal Labs' focus on practical exercises and career development is especially appealing.

I bring disciplined problem solving, clear communication, and experience working in team-based exercises. I am prepared for **in-person training** in Dallas and eager to grow into work as a cybersecurity analyst, SOC analyst, incident responder, or penetration tester. Thank you for reviewing my application.

I look forward to discussing how my training and security lab experience can support Redwood Signal Labs.

Sincerely,

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