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Evanston, IL 60208  
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Mr. Brett Newkirk  
Director of College Recruiting  
Midwest Mercantile Company  
4500 Randolph Drive  
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Newkirk:

I read your company's description in NACE's Job Choices for Business & Liberal Arts Studies and would like to inquire about employment opportunities in your management training program. I want to work in retail management and would like to remain in the Chicago area after graduation.

I shall receive my B.S. degree in communication studies this May. My interest in business started in Junior Achievement in high school and developed further through a variety of sales and retail positions during college. My internship with a large department store convinced me to pursue a career in retail. When I researched the top retailers in Chicago, Midwest Mercantile emerged as having a strong market position, an excellent training program, and a reputation for excellent customer service. In short, you provide the kind of professional environment that I seek.

My resume is enclosed for your consideration. My education and experience match the qualifications you seek in your management trainees, but they don't tell the whole story. I know from customer and supervisor feedback that I have the interpersonal skills and motivation needed to build a successful career in retail management. And my relatively extensive experience gives me confidence in my career direction and in my abilities to perform competently.

I know how busy you must be during this time of year, but I would appreciate a few minutes of your time. I shall call you during the week of January 24 to discuss employment possibilities. In the meantime, if you need to contact me, my number is 847/491-8843 and my e-mail is [a-chen@northwestern.edu](mailto:a-chen@northwestern.edu).

Thank you very much for considering my request. I look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,

Amy Chen