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Dear Dr. Knowitall,

I just learned about your program today through the internet. I am very interested in applying for the PGY1 pharmacy resident position with the Rocking Residency. This program immediately appealed to me because it combines my love of ambulatory care with opportunities to gain more experience in geriatrics. Additionally, the program poses a unique chance to assume a role in hospice and in home-based primary care, a path that could be quite viable in my future. My goals at present are to acquire a PGY1 residency emphasizing ambulatory care and geriatrics, and then obtain a PGY2 residency specializing in geriatrics. Ultimately my dream would be to assume a clinical position with a VA outpatient clinic.

Comment [KLE1]: Good that it opens with why applying here.

Comment [KLE2]: Not good

A fantastic professor I greatly respect once gave me some advice on whether to pursue a residency or other similar experience in the future. She said that when presented with the opportunity to further your education you should not turn it down, because as time wears on, you may not have the ability to pursue that chance again. I took this message to heart and now look upon the experience a residency can provide as one that will inspire personal growth and serve to benefit my future patients. It would be a privilege and honor to hone my knowledge and skills under the mentorship of pharmacists who likewise pursue these same ideals at your great institution.

Comment [KLE3]: Questionable paragraph. Has some good sentiment, but not worded quite right.

Throughout pharmacy school, I began to develop a passion for helping the elderly. This started with simple things such as helping a local nursing home decorate for Christmas, and progressed to signing up for an elective advanced geriatrics course, and taking the initiative to use a class project to help explain Alzheimer's disease medications to patients and caregivers at the local Alzheimer's Association. While on my geriatrics rotation this past summer I couldn't help growing more endeared, as well as resolved to provide our elders the quality of healthcare they deserve. I know pharmacists can really stand out to make a difference in peoples' lives and completing your residency will get me there.

Comment [KLE4]: Not really appropriate in this letter. Once again good sentiments, but the main idea could be taken out and put into 1-2 sentences describing why you want to apply for a residency and have passion.

I have discovered that during my time at Happy University, God has granted me the ability to learn more than I would have given myself credit for, given me strength to persevere, and taught me the value of never giving up. I hope that through my own experiences I will be able to inspire future generations of students to persevere, be diligent in their studies, and to dream

big. I look forward to hearing from you soon about the residency position. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Comment [KLE5]: Would keep religion out.

Sincerely,

Ima Rezcandidate