| **Ashley**  **Tucker**  **ㅡ**  13071 Brookmead Dr,  Manassas, VA 20112  **703.853.4461**  **erica.tucker@live.longwood.edu** | horizontal line 7 October 2025 Ethan Steinberg NOVA Canine Academy  5834c N Kings Hwy #4055,  Alexandria, VA 22303  Dear Mr. Steinberg,  I am writing to express my interest in the Dog Trainer Program position at the Alexandria NOVA Canine Academy. This job opportunity will not only enhance and perfect my skills in professional animal training but also improve my communication, creativity, and teamwork skills. The NOVA Canine Academy’s mission to change the lives of both dogs and their owners aligns with my personal values of animal companionship and improving the lives of both animals and people.  I am currently a junior at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia, where I am majoring in sociology. I have also taken courses in psychology and social work, which I believe will be valuable in understanding the relationship between dogs and their owners, as well as in training. I currently have three dogs and have had at least two pets in my home simultaneously throughout my childhood. Additionally, I have experience traveling both domestically and internationally. I have adopted and helped train rescue Weimaraners from the DC Weimaraner Rescue, and I have experience in service dog training through my university’s dog-training club and the non-profit organization Canine Companions. Through these experiences, I have learned how to effectively care for dogs and understand their behavior, while also gaining insights into various cultures. I am eager to further my experience and knowledge in training, care, and communication through the role I am applying for.  Through my experiences, I have developed a passion for working with animals, particularly dogs, in various areas such as professional training, service training, grooming, and rescue. In my role as a trainer, I am motivated to enhance the lives of both dogs and their owners, strengthen human-animal relationships, and pursue my passion for making animals happy and loved. Additionally, I aim to educate pet owners and the general public about animal care, rights, and behavior, with the goal of improving the overall well-being of animals.  I am very enthusiastic about the opportunity to train for NCA certification, as it would enhance my skills and enable me to professionally train and educate both dogs and their owners. I believe my qualifications align well with this position due to my hard work and dedication, and I would greatly appreciate your consideration of my application. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone. I look forward to hearing your decision. Thank you for your time and consideration.  Sincerely, Ashley TuckerAshley Tucker |
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