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I am currently in my final year of Law and Business in UCC. I am applying for the Trainee Solicitor Programme in your firm.

I consider myself be an ideal candidate for this programme due to my work ethic, my strong motivation, my communications and interpersonal skills. Balancing my college work with part-time jobs and my varied interests, I thrive on meeting strict deadlines and working in a fast-paced environment.

In my school years I was a member of the Cork Youth Orchestra and in this environment I learned the vital importance of working as part of a team. I have developed strong communication skills, both written and verbal, in the course of my college work and through my part-time work and varied interests I have developed interpersonal skills to a high degree, along with the ability to create rapport with people.

I have participated in many theatrical productions over the years. Through these I have gained confidence in myself when standing up in front of a crowd and expressing my ideas. This would be a key attribute in my future work a solicitor as it is very important to be able to express yourself clearly in front of your colleagues and clients.

In my college years I have continued to participate in group activities and broaden my interpersonal skills with other students. In my role as secretary in both the Amnesty Society and the Dramat Society, I continued to improve my teamwork skills in organising events.

I have been drawn to Byrne Wallace because, as one of Ireland’s largest and most progressive law firms, I would relish the opportunity to work in a fast paced environment in a firm that delivers excellent service to its clients. I would also welcome the opportunity to receive expert training and guidance that would empower me to achieve my best as a trainee solicitor.

I have enclosed my CV and would appreciate an opportunity to interview for the role of trainee solicitor. I would be happy to provide you with any additional information you may need. Thank you for your consideration and I hope you consider my application favourably.