

Naomi Jones

njones@rollins.edu | 407.867.5309 | www.linkedin.com/in/naomi-jones

May 3, 2020

Andy Miller
Hiring Manager
Grief Center of America
123 Apple Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751

Dear Andy Miller,

I have often wondered why comforting others makes me feel so alive. I spent years burning in the fire of grief after losing both of my Grandparents. Years later, I feel drawn back to the flames. Not as a victim, but as a survivor. I want to be a hand, guiding others through the flames. I am a Graduate Student in the Rollins College Graduate Studies in Counseling (GSC) Program, and I am writing because I am extremely interested in the Internship Position at Grief Center of America. I believe it is imperative to know you are not alone when grieving a loss, and I find the work being done at this facility paramount for the future of so many people in this world. Loss is more prevalent than most realize, until they have finally lost someone themselves. Your mission both inspires and comforts me to act now and learn as much as I can about how to become a more effective grief counselor. As a counselor, I know I will be working with many clients who are grieving from the loss of a loved one. It is important to me that I immerse myself with as many experiences as I can in this area, and I believe that this position will afford me an invaluable wealth of knowledge and skills that can use for the rest of my career. I am sure you are going to be receiving many requests for this opening, as it is an excellent opportunity, so if I may, I would love to steal a few moments of your precious time to convey a little bit more about who I am, and why I am the best candidate for this position.

My background is truly versatile. I've spent the better part of the last 11 years exploring many professions; seeking anything that would clue me into my life's purpose. To date, I have served in the United States Navy, worked in the medical field, art field, and the legal field while searching for the right career path. The answer I was looking for was not in one single experience, but in the common denominator of all my experiences. Once I extracted my favorite things about each career path, it was very clear where I needed to go next. I loved learning about people while listening to their stories, and I became genuinely excited by the opportunity to guide those in need. I consider myself to be a student of life. Maintaining a learning mindset helps me navigate through all of life's challenges, and in an almost sequential fashion, I feel equally as compelled to share the knowledge I have gained, with those who seem in need of it. I know there is still much to learn about the many ways in which one can and will grieve, and I believe this internship will make me a more effective Grief Counselor, student of life, and teacher of those in need.

I now know I am meant to be a Counselor, and I appreciate the time and experiences which led me to this very meaningful conclusion. I am due to graduate in 2021, and I look forward to spending this time learning everything I can about how to become a truly effective Counselor. I would very much so appreciate an opportunity to interview with you for this Internship Position because I truly feel like the Grief Center of America would be a wonderful facility for me to learn from and grow with. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,



Naomi Jones