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Hi,

My name is Brandon Ekow Anderson, I am currently a first-year student at Carleton College. I interned as a backend developer through Maydm at ImageMoverMD in Madison, Wisconsin, in the summers of 2020 and 2021. In addition to the numerous programs and opportunities offered by Maydm, interning had a profound impact on my life. I developed an even stronger interest in computer science and in the engineering community. I had the opportunity to gain professional work experience in the tech sector while still a high school student. I also received mentoring from Mark Gehring, the company's CTO, while I worked at ImageMoverMD. Through him and the experience, I developed my interpersonal skills, made connections, and expanded my professional network. Because I am comfortable with the work experience and am qualified to apply for internships even as a first-year student, the new coding skills I learned and put into practice provide me an advantage at Carleton and many other industries I put myself in. If Maydm receives more money, I am confident that they will continue to transform the lives of many more students like mine, and I am eager to see what new opportunities they will offer to immerse students in technology while also increase POC and Women in STEM representation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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