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I've never gotten a job offer that involved a cover letter. Resumes, sure, but no inquiries into employment that included this letter used to cover ever led to anything fruitful. The only reason I still submit them is because everyone seems to have a spot for it on their website. If I were an employer, I don't think I would ask for a "cover letter" per se, something, but the format of "cover letter" doesn't seem that helpful. Here's what I think would be more helpful:

Hi. I like creating new things.

I am not good at tedious/repetitive jobs because if I'm given such a job, I'll try to automate it, which doesn't directly get the job done.

I like people, they're the most interesting part of my life, so I'd rather not work alone.

I will learn anything I need to know to get something done, but the things on my resume I already have a background with.

I like to challenge old ideas. I'm not always right, but I get frustrated when old ideas are kept simply because they've worked before, especially when a better solution is very easy.

When I'm not working, I'm stilt-walking, fire-breathing, in the machine shop making something, cooking, drawing, playing a game, or sleeping...but this is not all-inclusive either.

Work is a big part of my life. I like it that way. Too much separation means you don't enjoy your job enough to let it be part of your actual life, and that sucks.

Why don't you give me a call?

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