SAMPLE COVER LETTER

[PLAYER NAME]
[HOME ADDRESS]
[PHONE NUMBER]
[EMAIL]

[DATE]

Dear [COACH'S NAME],

My name is [PLAYER NAME] and I am a [AGE]-year old forward with the [TEAM NAME] of the [LEAGUE NAME]. The purpose of this letter is to introduce myself to you and to express my sincere interest in the possibility of attending [SCHOOL NAME] and playing hockey for the [TEAM NAME] program.

I grew up in [HOMETOWN] and played my minor hockey through to Midget for the [NAME OF] Minor Hockey Association. For my last year of U18 hockey I attended a camp with the [TEAM NAME] and made the team. I went on to have a great rookie year proving myself at the Junior level. I tallied a total of [X] goals and [X] points in the [X]-game season for 2nd overall in the league. I was named our team's [AWARD NAME].

I take a lot of pride in my fitness and conditioning. I am in great condition and work hard at keeping my fitness levels as high as possible. My summers are devoted to training for the upcoming season, and I go through a program called [NAME OF PROGRAM] with [TRAINER NAME]. After the summer, my training carries over to the season where I continue to work hard at off-ice conditioning.

I am a very hard worker when it comes to education. I am one to always put in the extra effort to get the highest marks possible. I graduated from [NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL] with a 75% average in my Grade 12 year. I have a [X] score on the SAT. Last year I devoted myself to upgrading [COURSE NAME]. This year I plan to take a college course to keep my mind sharp and get ahead on credits.

I feel that I bring other important qualities to a winning program. I am a team player who is very focussed and goal oriented. I am a competitor who loves to win and who takes pride in being known as an intelligent and passionate hockey player. I believe I add character to any team I play for. In the dressing room I am well respected by my teammates and support them wherever I can.

The [LEVEL OF HOCKEY (NCAA, etc.)] provides the unique opportunity to combine education and hockey at the highest level. Your school and hockey program carry a great reputation. I would love to be a part of your program. I believe I would be a contributing force to your hockey team and a positive addition to your university.

I look forward to discussing my interest in your school and your hockey program with you in the near future. My current coach, [COACH NAME] would be pleased to discuss my hockey abilities with you and if you need any information on my academic drive and credentials you can contact our team's Educational Advisor, [ADVISOR NAME]. Their contact information can be found in the attached resume.

Thank you for time and consideration. I will follow up with a call or email in the next few weeks to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

[PLAYER NAME]