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Youth, iCare4 Job Opportunities

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Dear Mr. Lin,

Are there any job opportunities available at Youth/iCare4? As an award-winning AASP in Taipei, you provide high-quality service for the Apple products manufactured nearby. I believe that my experience can add value to your company, and satisfy even the most demanding of your customers.

I plan to come to Taiwan for 12 months on a Working Holiday Programme visa from August 2014. I can arrange all the necessary paperwork, find my own accommodation, and purchase my own flight tickets.

In summer 2010, I worked for [Wildmind](#), a startup iPhone app programming company in Xihu. I enjoyed my experience of living in Taiwan, and hoped to return. In July 2011, I graduated from Lancaster University in the UK with a first-class Masters degree in Electronic Systems Engineering. Since then, I've done similar internships and working holiday programmes around the world, as you can read on my résumé.

The first experience I had of Apple products was a Macintosh Portable. It came out in September 1989, just like me! I have a [photo](#) of me learning to use it in 1991. When I was 8 years old, my father brought home an old Macintosh Plus, and told me that I could keep it if I fixed it. I bought a replacement motherboard for 50 Swiss Francs, attached an external SCSI drive, and made it work! I used it to teach myself to program in LogoWriter. The family computer (a Mac LC III, then an iMac DV) was faster, but I preferred to use my own.

When I entered secondary school in 2000, my parents bought me a new [clamshell iBook G3](#). It was so much better than my Mac Plus! I used it for school: I made a PowerPoint presentation about Ancient China to my history teacher, finding photos and music on the Web.

In 2005, I heard that the primary school was throwing out 20 old iBook G3s. I bought them, used the parts from a few to [fix the rest](#), and sold 15 of them for a small profit. I also fixed many iPods for friends using instructions from iFixit. In summer 2008, I did an internship at Axiotron, the Modbook tablet Mac manufacturer, and became familiar with the Apple Service Source documentation.

I have resisted repairing my current MacBook Pro, because it is still covered by AppleCare. My parents bought me one (W87284NQX92) in 2007 before I went to university, and I had it repaired 7 times during the 3 year warranty. Two months from the end of the warranty, I took it in due to a graphics chip issue, and persuaded the Apple Store in Manchester to replace the machine with a brand-new unibody model! The second MacBook Pro (W801440CAGU) needed 6 repairs over the following 3 years, and - to my amazement - I qualified for a replacement (C02JN1DRDV33) yet

again! I've visited Apple Stores and AASPs all over the world: in California, the UK, Switzerland, France, South Korea, Japan, New Zealand, China, and India. I've become very familiar with the repair process and delivery times for replacement parts. My modding has therefore all been outside my case: e.g. a FireWire to car female [adaptor](#), allowing me to add 2 more USB ports for charging.

It would be an honour to train for the ACMT certification, and work at Youth/iCare4. Please let me know if an opportunity arises at your store!

Best regards,  
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