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Dear Recruiter,

It is not an understatement to say that submitting this letter to you is a dream come true. All my life, I've been waiting for this very moment to make my first attempt entering the animation industry, specifically reaching for the brim of Mickey's blue sorcerer hat at Walt Disney Animation Studios.

Your movies have shaped my entire life. Seeing *The Lion King* at three years old was what made me pick up a pencil for the first time, and I have refused to put it down since. Experiencing the stories told by Disney as I've grown up has been an adventure I'll never forget; it's made me appreciate the people and world around me to the fullest extent, taking in its beauty and always looking for potential inspiration just about anywhere. Specifically, Disney's characters have resonated heavily with me, encouraging me to learn how to create original characters to represent my own experiences.

How did I make it here? This is often a question I ask myself. I've always been a perfectionist when it comes to artwork, and despite my cheerful and positive outlook on my creations, there is never a day that goes by that I don't wish for my next big challenge and chance to improve. I'm always hopeful, looking forward to my goals and striving as hard as physically possible to reach them. Finally making it to art school was the first step in reaching my dream of making it to Disney; I could finally refine my skills to that professional level I'd always desired. I learned to relax and loosen up my work, expand my character-centered style to creating layout work and polished animation. It is exhilarating to finally say that I'm proud of my work and how far I've come, and it is an honor to share it with you after long last.

My dream of meeting the designers and artists behind Disney's films is the whole reason why you're my number one choice. Friendship and collaboration is the most important thing of all to me-a lot of people don't seem to understand the sheer amount you can learn from the people around you. The only way I believe I can reach my utmost potential is by doing so with the help of others, and aiding them in their own pursuit of greatness as well!

As a final note, if I am not able to secure my spot as an intern this time around, my dream will not fade away! There are endless chances for miraculous opportunities, and I'll keep my eyes peeled for the next one! If you do happen to consider me for an interview, just know that I am extremely excited at the possibility of chatting with you and answering any questions you may have! Thank you endlessly for your time.

Best Regards,

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