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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of interest in response to the open art teacher position recently advertised on the MASA Jobsite employment website and consider me an applicant for this position.

I recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin Stout with honors this May, and I just finished my student teaching placements at Cumberland Elementary and Bloomer High School. While working at my placements, I have been creating many lessons and thinking of new ideas that interest and relate to students. I strongly believe that in order to really learn, we have to connect lessons to what the students find important. In making lessons that engage and relate to students, a stronger connection can be made between students and the visual arts. My lessons and curriculum covers a variety of subjects including using different medias and processes, art history, aesthetics, and color and color theory. I cover these subjects by connecting the objectives to students' interests, helping them to retain the information and make it applicable to life.

I bring an enthusiastic heart into my field of work, and I would love to have the opportunity to interview with you at a time and place convenient to your schedule. I can be easily reached at the above telephone number or email address. Thank you for considering me for this application.

Sincerely,

Ms. Mackenzie Bennin



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Summary of Qualifications

- Completed student teaching at Cumberland Elementary and Middle School and Bloomer High School
- Discipline-based art education curriculum focus, addressing art and design standards
- Has experience writing lesson plans for Elementary, Middle, and High School levels
- Knowledge of artistic development from birth to adolescence
- Ability to teach numerous artistic mediums including drawing, painting, print making, art metals, ceramics, sculpture, commercial arts, film and digital photography

Education

University of Wisconsin- Stout B.S. in Art Education, 2010-2014 Menomonie, WI
Licensed in K-12 Art Education 550 Art

- Member of Alpha Phi Omega and National Art Education Association

Study Abroad, May-June 2012 Florence, Corciano, Rome~Italy
Italian Art History and Photo Journalism

- Went to Italy to further study Italian art history through the centuries as well as layout and design elements in photo journalism

Teaching Experience

June 2014 Cumberland, WI
Pottery Summer School Class

- Created a two week class for 6th and 7th graders focused on using hand building techniques as well as working on a potter's wheel

April-June, 2014 Bloomer, WI
Student Teaching at Bloomer High School

- Created student centered lesson plans with a variety of medias used including stained glass, photography, ceramics, drawing, painting, crafts and art foundations
- Designed, constructed and chaperoned the 2014 junior prom

February-April, 2014 Cumberland, WI
Student Teaching at Cumberland Elementary and Middle School

- Created student centered lesson plans with a variety of medias used
 - Taught lessons to students in Kindergarten through 6th grade
 - Selected to participate in a mock Educational Teacher Performance Assessment trial, also known as the edTPA, creating extensive lessons and focusing on planning, instruction and assessing
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Job Experiences

December 2011-December 2013

UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI

Academic Resource Coordinator

- Working with college freshmen to improve study skills, find resources on campus to help them succeed academically, and encouraging study habits by hosting daily study sessions

October 2011- December 2013

UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI

Still Life Model

Modeling for open drawing and life drawing classes

June 2010- August 2013

Plymouth, WI

Sargento, Heavy Duty Factory Line

- Worked with people to box, hand pack and perform quality control checks in the sliced and stick cheese department for summer work

Activities and Honors

May 2014

Graduated with the Honors College from the University of Wisconsin-Stout

January 2011- December 2013

Band Council Member

- Meeting with a select group of band members to plan the annual band tour, dates to perform and give feedback on concert music selections
- Section leader of the percussion section in 4th year of college

September 2011-December 2013

Alpha Phi Omega, VP of Service, Secretary and Treasurer

- Planned, organized and participated in volunteer events, keeping track of members' service hours and meeting attendance
- Participated in APO LEADS leadership courses to develop leadership skills
- Planned and created budgets for the school year and annual service projects

Skills

- Knowledgeable in 2D and 3D medias
- Knowledgeable in Photoshop and InDesign
- Knowledgeable in Photography, Digital Photography and Film

References

Chris Hopkins-Hile

Elementary Art Teacher

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