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COVER LETTER

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DEAR SIR OR MADAM,

Let me start by saying thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate and value the quick opportunity to have your attention.

On the surface, I fit the typical mold of a person with Asperger's Syndrome; a high-functioning individual on the autism spectrum, socially awkward at times, yet have an all-absorbing interest in specific topics, in my case, art & languages! Growing up, I faced the same challenges as most with my condition; making friends, bullies, and social acceptance amongst peers. But I also took full advantage of the upside; a fixation and passion for learning art and languages.

Fast-forward a couple of decades, and I consider myself a young, witty, and spirited woman with the vigor to explore and experience life, one culture, and one language at a time, and translate that knowledge into all mediums of art! **My dedication to learning languages has made me nearly fluent in six languages; English, Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese, and Arabic, and has allowed me to understand over half a dozen other languages.** I've been fortunate to pursue and acquire both a Bachelors and Masters Degree, with studies and coursework that have led me across the world.

Now I am ready to pursue work to take my art and story-telling skills to the next level. My goal is to work under a Creative Director where I can help create meaningful and exciting characters and stories and one day have my work published.

Please review my resume that follows, and again, thank you for your time!

Sincerely yours,

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EXPERIENCES & SKILLS

SHORT WORK HISTORY, BUT A MASTER OF LANGUAGES.

At my university, I worked at our bookstore as a retail worker, cataloging inventory and assisting customers with their inquiries and purchases. I volunteered at local elementary schools for Math and Anthropology classes and had a short internship as a Spanish Interpreter with Bank of America's HANDS Inc., a money management workshop.

Most of my young adult life has been spent pursuing and advancing my passion; languages. **My primary and native languages are English and Spanish, but I am fluent in nearly six languages.** In addition to my native tongue, I can read, write and converse in French, Chinese, Japanese, and Arabic. Though not fluent, I understand Romanian, Bulgarian, Greek, Albanian, Portuguese, Italian, and Farsi. I can also identify other languages by how they are written and the dialect, such as Korean and Thai.

I am also an avid anime and manga enthusiast with a knack for hand and digital illustration!



MY EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS, FRENCH
September 2016 – May 2020

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, NEW JERSEY

During my four years attending MSU, I majored in French Translation, with a double minor in Arabic and Asian languages (Chinese and Japanese). Besides coursework, I was a member of several language clubs every year, which allowed me to perfect my conversational language skills. My studies also allowed me to study abroad for two consecutive semesters at Bordeaux-Montaigne University in Bordeaux, France. I took nine intensive French courses, 2 Arabic courses, and 1 Chinese and 1 Japanese course. During my Senior year, I won 1st Place in the Modern Language Department's Annual Essay Contest with a paper about the challenges of learning Arabic in the US.

MASTER OF ARTS, FRENCH
September 2020 – May 2023

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY, NEW JERSEY

I have recently received my Masters in French from MSU while attending back-to-back semesters at Bordeaux-Montaigne University in Bordeaux, France, pursuing a second Masters.



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