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Professor Katie Creyts
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Dear Professor Creyts,

Please accept my application for a Whitworth University Art Talent Award. My dedication to my art education is evidenced by the fact that I have been an energetic and active participant in all of my classes since I enrolled in the art program in the fall of 2018. I have truly enjoyed being surrounded by our community of artmakers and professors. The classes I have taken have helped me build the confidence I need to fearlessly talk about the work I create. This year, I have furthered my involvement in the department by working as the Art Department Media Coordinator and by serving as a teaching assistant for Dr. Shimizu's History of Modern Art class.

Some highlights of my time at Whitworth have been receiving art talent awards in 2019 and 2020, collaborating with other students to create the university Christmas card in 2019, and showing my work at the online exhibit *Mind and Heart* in 2020. Since deciding to pursue graphic design as well as two-dimensional art, I have begun to equip myself with the technical and aesthetic skills needed to excel in the design industry. My design skills are rapidly improving as I build on my knowledge of traditional artmaking through classes and my two design-related jobs.

I believe the most interesting part of my work is the emotional expression portrayed through figures and color. An art degree from Whitworth University will provide me with the foundation in art-making that I need to continue my training in graduate school, hopefully at the California Institute of the Arts or Laguna College of Art and Design. So far, I hope to have proven myself to be a diligent and hardworking artist, and I look forward to expanding my skills and exhibiting my work this year and next. I am prepared and thrilled to keep contributing my diligent spirit and work ethic to the program.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jaime Crain'. The signature is written in a fluid, cursive style.

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