

**[Your Full Name]**

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[Date]

[Hiring Manager Name]

[Facility/Organization Name]

[Address]

Dear [Hiring Manager Name or "Search Committee"],

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in the [Job Title] position at [Organization Name]. Having spent [Number] years as a professional studio painter, I am now transitioning my career toward Art Therapy, driven by a desire to utilize the transformative power of the creative process to facilitate healing and emotional well-being.

In my studio practice, I have developed a profound understanding of [specific artistic medium, e.g., oil painting or mixed media] and the psychological connection between tactile creation and self-expression. My experience has taught me patience, observation, and the ability to interpret non-verbal narratives through visual language—skills that are foundational to the therapeutic relationship. I am particularly drawn to [Organization Name] because of your commitment to [mention a specific program or mission statement].

To support this career pivot, I have recently [mention relevant education, e.g., completed a Master's in Art Therapy or specific certifications]. During my clinical internship at [Internship Location], I successfully integrated my technical artistic background with therapeutic interventions to assist [target population, e.g., adolescents or seniors]. I am confident that my unique perspective as a working artist, combined with my clinical training, allows me to offer clients a deep, authentic engagement with the creative arts.

I am eager to bring my empathy, artistic expertise, and dedication to mental health to your team. Thank you for your time and for considering how my background as a painter can contribute to the therapeutic environment at [Organization Name].

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]

[Your Printed Name]