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Dear Ambient Inks,

My spouse told me of your no-longer-open production support position, but mentioned you also have seasonal employment opportunities. I would like to pursue such opportunities, and other staffing needs of yours that may arise.

What excites you about our position? Why are you applying?

I moved to Eau Claire a little over a year ago, and I'm enjoying it much more than I expected (including the local arts scene!). I've spent the past few decades as a freelance cartoonist, illustrator and animator, and recently I've been looking for a more stable income. What excites me about working for Ambient Inks?

- DIY! Local local local! Serving the community! Serving the local music scene! Passion!
- I thrive when I'm around fellow creative, artistic, interesting, curious people!
- Walk to work! No car needed!
- I've long been interested in print-making. Prepping & cleaning screens, fulfilling orders, being around the art of print-making, is way more fun and interesting than most available alternatives. T-shirts & posters! T-shirts & posters!
- The ability to network, and learn about, the local art scene.
- A living wage. Profit sharing.
- Did I mention fellow artists, and creative, curious people?
- Company values that align with my own. Sustainability. Helping & serving others & the planet. Looking for alternatives to the current model of capitalism (responsible only to shareholders, not to community, environment, and future generations).

What is your ideal work environment? Music? Interaction with others?

- Yes, yes. I love background music when I'm doing anything that's not particularly cognitively demanding (like packing boxes vs. brainstorming visual concepts). I like learning about other people's musical interests.
- Yes, of course, the more interaction with others the better, especially if those others are curious and interesting creatives!

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- Other aspects of an ideal work environment: Friendly people working collaboratively as a team. Being around interesting people I want to get to know. Being around creative and interesting work (print-making) that I want to learn more about. Co-workers who care about quality, taking pride in good work.

A few things about me:

- I've designed and sold my own T-shirts and posters (although I've never done my own screen printing).
- I am a fellow creative artist. Most of my freelancing has been in political cartooning, heavy on social justice and the environment, including as a staffer at the St. Paul *Pioneer Press* and as a weekly freelancer for the Minneapolis *Star Tribune*. I'm an illustrator, and my animation has been commissioned by businesses, nonprofit charities, and a stand-up comedian.
- I live only 10 blocks away, a 15-minute walk (no problem coming to work in a blizzard!).
- I connect with your company values. I've done a lot of volunteering over the years; most recently I spent 5-6 years supporting people coming out of prison and helping them re-integrate into the community. It helped me become more empathetic, humble, hopeful, constructive, mature and caring.
- I am a diligent, hard worker, and I am easy-going, playful, and easy to work with.

I am excited to find out about a business that reflects many of my own sensibilities. I hope we can get together soon (or, if and when new positions open) to explore our shared interests. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

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