



Digital Arts Animation Academy Letter of Recommendation

INSTRUCTIONS:

A letter of recommendation must be submitted to be considered for admission to the Dodge College Digital Arts Animation Academy. This letter of recommendation should be completed by a person who can discuss your creative strengths. Below is a description of what we are looking for your recommender to provide to us. Please provide us with only one (1) letter of recommendation.

Please give the following form to your recommender to include with his or her letter.

TO THE APPLICANT:

Please complete this form and give to the person making your Dodge College recommendation.

Name of applicant:

TO THE INDIVIDUAL WRITING THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:

A letter of recommendation must be submitted to be considered for admission to the Dodge College Digital Arts Animation Academy. For each student applying for participation in the Dodge College Digital Arts Summer 2D Animation Workshop sponsored by Toon Boom, we request and require a letter from a faculty member of that student's school who has personal knowledge of the applicant.

Specifically, we would like to know if, in your opinion and experience, the applicant has shown some measure of ability and a accomplishment in five areas: traditional animation, use of digital tools, creative problem-solving, self-motivated effort, and personal responsibility

Please tell us if the applicant has demonstrated some skill and understanding of the "traditional animation" process. This process is what is sometimes referred to as "2D Animation" most closely associated with the hand-drawn classic films made famous by Disney and Warner Bros.. Although Toon Boom is a state-of-the-art software package used for digitally producing animation, the core artistic talent required of the animator is the ability to hand-draw characters in motion, either on paper or a digital surface.

Have you seen your student create this type of animation? Have you personally seen movies of their work?

Once these animated images are created, they are scanned, colored, and completed using Toon Boom, which is why it is important that your student feel comfortable working with moderately complex software. Do you feel your student can do this?

During the two-week seminar, your student will work with teammates to create a short animated film. Please tell us your evaluation of the applicant's ability to deal with creative problems, provide solutions, work as a team, and handle the responsibility of following through reliably on an assignment.

Finally, since the applicant will be away from home in a group setting, do you feel confident he/she is mature enough to behave responsibly?

The DCDAS Workshop is a wonderful opportunity for your student to meet fellow student artists, work under the tutelage of top industry professionals, and improve their critical artistic skills. We hope you can send us that student whom you know will benefit from this experience!

Name of Recommender:

How long have you known the applicant

Signature:

Date:

Please fill out the information below and include this form with your letter of recommendation. **This letter is due by March 30, 2014.**

Please submit using one of the following methods:

E-mail:

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Mail:

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