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Dear Santa Monica Studios,

I am applying for the 3D Gameplay Animator(Contract) position at PlayStation Santa Monica Studio.

PlayStation Santa Monica Studio has long been a leader in crafting visually stunning and emotionally compelling gameplay experiences. The God of War series, in particular, has set a gold standard in animation, seamlessly blending fluid, weighty combat with expressive, cinematic storytelling. The attention to detail in character movements, combat interactions, and environmental responsiveness enhances immersion, making every action feel impactful and visceral. I would be honored to contribute to this level of excellence, helping to bring dynamic and lifelike animations to future projects.

I would be a valuable addition to the Santa Monica Studio team because I specialize in creating fluid, responsive, and emotionally engaging gameplay animations that enhance player experience. My portfolio showcases a strong foundation in animating body mechanics, combat choreography, and character movement, thus demonstrating my ability to craft animations that feel both natural and cinematic. I use industry-standard tools such as Autodesk Maya for keyframe animation, MotionBuilder for motion capture cleanup, and Unreal Engine/Unity for implementation. I strive to create animations that not only look stunning but also feel intuitive and satisfying to control.

As a current student at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas, soon to be obtaining a Bachelor’s degree in 3D Animation in summer 2025, I am constantly refining my skills and seeking new ways to push the boundaries of animation. I thrive in collaborative environments, value constructive feedback, and am always eager to learn from industry veterans.

My passion for immersive animation, technical precision, and dynamic gameplay movement, combined with my strong technical foundation and collaborative mindset, makes me a strong candidate for the 3D Gameplay Animator position at PlayStation Santa Monica Studio. I would love the opportunity to contribute to your team’s vision. Thank you so much for your time and consideration and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Canaan Cordell