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Walt Disney Studios
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Dear Walt Disney Studios,

I am writing to express my enthusiasm for the Animator position at your studio. Disney's mission in promoting experiences that inspire dreamers to overcome obstacles, to become leaders and take initiative in supporting the less fortunate through a noble cause, is something that I am looking for. Transporting others into a versatile community of art and cinema, and defining the beauty of animation to push it to its great potential.

Disney Studios, from early Oscar winning films like *Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs* and *Flowers and Trees* to present day features like *Frozen* and *Zootopia*, have inspired me to think like a storyteller. Pursuant to this objective, I have enclosed a link to my demo reel and my example work in my resume, which outlines some of my qualifications as an animation senior student. For example, a school assignment that excited me junior year, was when my professor had assigned the class a dialogue animation for our demo reel project. Ultimately, I decided to use a gargoyle and choose a villain monologue from Marvel Netflix, *Daredevil*. I spent countless hours working on it from shooting references to understanding Maya software, polishing it to the best of my ability and looking over it several times. Once I presented it, a feeling of excitement overwhelmed me when my teacher and peers viewed it. Working on this dark monarch portrayal was a blast and most of all, it made me feel like a real animator.

I have been an avid viewer of cartoons since I was a child and love working in teams. My passion for creativity, motivation to work, commitment to excellence, willingness to learn, and discipline towards work performed are attributes that align with the company's core values. My resolute desire to take the initiative and offer high-quality work will prove beneficial to your organization. As I enjoy motivating players into becoming great achievers through games and animation and assisting the less fortunate in new ways to give back, I would be a great fit for your animation program.

Overall, animation and games have allowed me to invest in a world of possibilities and has helped turn me into the person I am today. It would be an amazing opportunity to join the DISNEY Studios team and help create a world where being unique is being Awesome. Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,
Jaden Medina

Animator

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Job ID: 10113704

Location: Burbank, California, United States

Business: Walt Disney Animation Studios

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Job Summary:

About the Role & Team

Animators, grab your reels and prepare to do the best work of your life and join us in making **Zootopia 2**!

Be part of the longest running animation team in history. Work alongside legends. Use your animation powers for good and touch the hearts of millions of people around the globe.

We want versatile **CG Character Animators** who show outstanding understanding of acting, appeal, entertainment, weight, locomotion, anatomy, and dialogue. If you're funny too, that's a plus. We want artists with a strong point of view who put a personal spin on their work.

All positions are based in our Burbank, California studios.

What You Will Do

- Effectively tell the story in a meaningful way through vibrant and compelling character acting and movement
- Create quality animation using digital tools for feature films and other related projects
- Receive assigned shots in sequence review with the Directors providing general guidance
- Plan shots with an understanding of story/character context
- Block animation using audio dialog track
- Clearly show performance ideas and shot blocking in Director review (animation dailies)
- Closely Collaborate with and take direction from Directors and Animation Supervisors in a feature film environment
- Implement changes and completely finish shots in accordance with production schedule
- Develop a solid understanding of vital production tools
- Maintain an open and professional demeanor regarding direction, changes and shifting requirements

Requirements

- A reel that is no more than 2 minutes in length of character animation that illustrates visual storytelling, believable expressions, emotional states, personality, appeal, entertainment, clear timing, weight, physics, balance, and staging
- Proficiency in Presto, Maya, or equivalent software required

Preferred Qualifications

- Background in traditional hand-drawn, computer, or stop-motion animation a plus

Education

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience

The pay rate for this role in Burbank, California is \$56.38 - \$67.28 per hour, which follows the pay scale agreed upon in the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The base pay actually offered may vary depending on the candidate's geographic region, job-related knowledge, skills, and experience, among other factors. Select benefits may be provided as part of the compensation package, such as medical, financial, and/or other benefits. To learn more about our benefits visit: <https://jobs.disneycareers.com/benefits>