

Jordan Thomas

Personal Statement

From the moment I picked up a paintbrush, I felt like I had found a part of myself I never knew existed. It wasn't just about colors and shapes; it was the ability to translate my inner thoughts and emotions onto a canvas. In this space, I discovered my passion and a way to express myself. My aunt, a local mural artist, once told me that "creativity is the bridge between our minds and the rest of the world." Her words have always been an inspiration, guiding me to see art not only as a personal pursuit but also as a means to contribute to my community.

I joined my high school's Art Club in my sophomore year, and it became more than just an extracurricular activity for me. We did a project where we painted murals at a local community center. The happiness and gratitude of the people who frequented the center filled me with a sense of accomplishment. Through this experience, I realized the power of art to bring joy, provoke thought, and even catalyze change. It affirmed my belief that art is a vital part of community-building.

Academics have always been a bit of a balancing act for me. While my grades may not be the highest, I've always been engaged in the subjects that fuel my curiosity. Whether it's discussing the symbolism in a piece of classic literature in my honors English class or applying the principles of geometry to design in my honors art class, I find joy in learning when I can relate it to my interests. I'm not just a student who learns to pass exams; I'm someone who aims to understand how knowledge can be applied in real life.

My hobbies of painting, urban exploration, and indie music also serve as windows into different perspectives. From abandoned buildings that echo forgotten stories, to indie music that challenges mainstream narratives, I find inspiration in the unconventional. It's not just about being different; it's about understanding that there is a vast world outside the traditional paths that most people follow.

In college, I look forward to expanding these perspectives and exploring new ways to integrate my values of creativity, community, and self-expression into my academic and personal life. Thank you for considering my application.