
Josie Smoot

Illustrator

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PROFILE

Josie Smoot is a passionate and hardworking illustrator living in Tennessee. Her work shows her love for character design and the never-ending limits of the creative mind. She has an excellent eye for detail and a deep passion for creating unique and interesting characters. She shows dedication and unwavering work ethic towards her projects and always strives for greatness. She is looking for her first full-time illustrative job to start her career in the art business.

EXPERIENCE

Josie Smoot Illustration, Spring Hill, TN - *Business Owner/ Illustrator*

October 2020 - PRESENT

- Created and ran her own art business for over 3 years
- Produced, sold, and shipped her own art both within the United States and Internationally
- Designed her own webpage with e-commerce product pages
- Sold her products in person at art shows and conventions around the Southern United States

O'Charley's Restaurant and Bar, Franklin, TN - *Prep Cook*

October 2023 - PRESENT

- Demonstrated ability to follow instructions with preparing and cooking food
- Displayed readiness and speed while completing all tasks in an allotted time
- Showed ability to multitask while preparing various dishes at the same time

Third Coast Clay, Franklin, TN - *Studio Assistant*

August 2022 - 2023

- Assisted customers with instructions and gathering supplies
- Ran cash register and handled money transactions

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- Guided customers of all ages through the pottery painting process and displayed easy-to-understand techniques
 - Showed leadership and cooperation with her younger coworkers
 - Scheduled in-store parties and reservations

Family Vision Care - Pretesting Technician

February 2022 - August 2022

- Worked as an optometrist technician who handles all pretesting for eye appointments
- Tested near and far-sighted vision
- Worked with people of all ages, from children to elders
- Displayed proficiency by completing all pretesting requirements within the time frame given
- Showed passion to learn in a medical field that is new to her

O'Charley's Restaurant and Bar, Franklin, TN - FOH Shift Lead/ BOH Cook/ To-Go Specialist

2015 - February 2022

- Demonstrated leadership and communication skills as a FOH and BOH Shift Lead
- Displayed passion in her work as a long-time To-Go Specialist and led her co-workers as a Trainer
- Showed cooperation and readiness to handle stressful situations as a BOH Cook
- Proved dedication to her company through her long tenure at the job

EDUCATION

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN - Bachelor of Fine Arts

2015 - 2019

Obtained a degree in Fine Arts with a concentration in painting. She also took independent studies in Illustration.

Franklin High School, Franklin, TN - High School Diploma

2011-2015

SKILLS

- Can create high-quality art that displays knowledge of character design, color theory, composition, and other principles of art
- Can work in both traditional and digital formats
- Excellent drawing and rendering abilities

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- Can understand assignments and produce high-quality sketches and illustrations that meet certain requirements
 - Ability to receive feedback and create changes based on peer critiques
 - Proficiency in Photoshop
 - Proficiency in other Adobe programs, such as InDesign and Illustrator
 - Punctuality and ability to meet deadlines
 - Ability to work with a team and communicate ideas with others
 - Excellent writing and verbal communication skills

REFERENCES

- Doug Dabbs: Illustration teacher from MTSU
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- Sisavanh Phouthavong-Houghton: Painting teacher from MTSU
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- Andree Solimando: Long-time employer from O'Charley's
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