Dear Student,

This is an exciting time for the Art Department here at Covenant College. The campus is filled with the sounds of music, and with the sights of art as well. In the past year, we have displayed our artwork in public galleries such as The Association for Visual Artists in Chattanooga and around our campus. In Mills Hall, for example, you can find a fourteen-foot sculpture hanging in the central entrance area. It was created by a 2005 graduate. Last spring we opened, and closed, our first senior exhibition. We celebrate these initiatives looking forward to what the future holds. You are part of a generation longing to communicate with new and traditional visual technologies.

The Art Department is growing to meet your interests. We are excited to partner with you in pursuing your education here at Covenant. Our goal is to develop a rich and intentional art program that is not only rigorous, but meaningful. You are the center of this enterprise. You, the student, add richness to the visual texture of our community.

In applying to the Department of Art you may also choose to apply for The Emerging Artist Grant and partial tuition scholarships from the Barker and the Lukart Scholarship Funds. The Sandra Barker Fund was set up in loving memory by her husband, Nicholas Barker, professor of English at Covenant College. An additional scholarship named in honor of Jim Lukart, a young man who had a gift in art, was given to the College by his parents in 1968. These scholarships are designated specifically for students majoring in art.

Scholarship applicants, if chosen as finalists for the scholarships, are required to attend the Scholarship Weekend, February 2 – 4, 2006 for a personal interview with the Art Department. Please submit your best portfolio. We carefully consider all materials submitted from those who wish to study art at Covenant. These scholarships are renewed annually for art students who maintain high performance standards in art classes. Less than excellent performance in art courses may mean the loss of a scholarship the following year.

The Bachelor of Arts in the art program is comprised of 39 art credits, 63 credits from a comprehensive core curriculum, and an additional 24 elective credits. Our program gives you the freedom to create an education that fits your gifts and interests. The art major will firmly place you in a world of making art, looking at art, and placing art in a specific context. Our art faculty are studio practitioners who make art with a variety of media, including painting, drawing, photography, ceramics, and sculpture. In short, our vocation is art. We recognize that we are called by God to not only be faithful artists, but to be faithful teachers of art as well.
We recognize that this is an exciting time in your life, a time of personal growth, development, and change. Do you see yourself as part of our work here at Covenant College? Do you see yourself using your gifts, thinking about art, and finding meaning through the work that you make? If so, consider partnering with us in Covenant College’s growing art program.

Your application package must include: 1) application and information page; 2) image portfolio; 3) personal statement with self-portrait; and 4) letter of reference from someone familiar with your work. Your package may be sent to us by e-mail or postal mail and must be received by December 15, 2005.

Thank you for your interest in our program. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 706.419.1549 or e-mail at jmorton@covenant.edu. I look forward to speaking with you.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Morton
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