

# Quarantine application — INTERZONE

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<b>☐☐ Another option that might interest you</b>	Yuko Shimizu
<b>Introduce yourself</b>	Hello! I am Samuel Swap, a young and rabid illustrator based In Middletown CT. Since graduating the Hartford Art School in 2022, I have been rapidly pursuing a career in freelance illustration while teaching art at the Florence Griswold museum in old Lyme. I want to communicate the silly, hectic nature of our world through busy, vibrant drawings!

<b>Do you have a project in mind at this time?</b>	I have multiple children's books I've had in the works for a bit of time as personal projects. The one I'd love to get help with is called the great rat race, a book in the vein of ISPY and Where's Waldo, a story of a worldwide rat race, with flowing crowds of rodents bustling and hustling. I have 15 pages sketched out so far, but have hit a wall
<b>Tell us why you want to join Quarantine</b>	I lust to be surrounded by creatives again. Art school was the time that I felt most fulfilled, accepted, and heard! Being able to be my wierd, caricature of myself felt vindicating and rewarding! Since graduating, being in the world of the corporate museum world has left me feeling like my illustrative self is fading, so I've been taking action to
<b>Briefly describe your Artistic and Creative difficulties</b>	(Continued) build my creative self back up! Time is my biggest obstacle, as I have to work a job to pay rent while I work with multiple clients. I wish I didn't have to sleep or had more time in a day, I never want to stop drawing most days, the fact I have to put down my pencil is my biggest difficulty.
<b>What are your inner demons?</b>	Insecurity , Block
<b>Anything else you want us to know?</b>	My work is very loose itself, but I really want to focus on creating beautiful, confident lines. I want to become assured in the way that I see the world, and communicate it effectively through my silly little drawings. Also I picked yuko 4 times because your (her) work is just top notch amazing chefs kiss great
<b>Fluency in English</b>	Fluent

✓I have read the Quarantine [Interzone Quarantine Mentoring Program 2024](https://www.quarantine.events/interzone-quarantine-mentoring-program-2024) and understand the basic concept and format of the event, and I am aware that only a very small number of applicants are selected and I wish to apply.

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