

CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE CASE STUDY



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NAME

SHAAN MALIK

COUNTRY

USA

GPA

4.10

INTENDED MAJOR

Business Econ

TYPE

ED2

GOING TO

CLAREMONT MCKENNA

OTHER APPLICATIONS

Macalester College, Occidental College, Emory University

GRADES

Grade 9

Subject

Grade

English 9	A
World History	B+
Algebra II	A
Accelerated Biology	A
Spanish Intermediate III	A+
Concert Band	A
Indoor Sports PE	A

Grade 10

Subject

Grade

English 10	B+
US History & Government	A
Pre-Calculus	B+
AT Finite Math Modeling	A
Accelerated Chemistry	A
Spanish: Intermediate High	B+
Symphonic Band	A
Life Skills Training - Health	A

Grade 11

Subject

Grade

English 9	A
World History	B+
Algebra II	A
Accelerated Biology	A
Spanish Intermediate III	A+
Concert Band	A
Indoor Sports PE	A

Senior Year Course Schedule

Subject

Grade

English 9	A
World History	B+
Algebra II	A
Accelerated Biology	A
Spanish Intermediate III	A+
Concert Band	A
Indoor Sports PE	A

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ACADEMIC HONORS AND TESTING

Honors

- National Honor Society - Grade 11
- Student of the Semester - Grade 11
- Student of the Month - Grade 11
- Summa Cum Laude - Grade 10, Grade 11

Testing:

SAT Test Score - 1350

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **BW Gotschee - MLS Next League Club**
 - Played for MLS Next League club BW Gotschee which played the most pivotal role in his recruitment process
- **Barca Residency Academy U-17 Player:**
 - Player for the Barca Residency Academy winning the U-17 Dallas & Phoenix Cup with them.
- **Singapore American School & Turf City FC**
 - Travelled extensively across Europe with youth professional club - Turf City FC and played against top European soccer clubs.
- **Wharton Summer Program - Future of Business World**
 - Selected to participate in a summer business program conducted by Wharton faculty. Participated in real-time business simulations and projects
- **Volunteer & Coach at Woza program**
 - Travelled with Woza soccer to Costa Rica. Connected with the local communities and coached soccer to children living in disadvantaged communities
- **Volunteer**
 - Travelled to India , Nepal & Cambodia over multiple summer breaks and helped build schools in Udaipur - Rajasthan
- **Volunteer Referee**
 - Volunteered to referee multiple soccer games for children in Arizona and tried to give back to the community & encourage kids to play soccer

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WHAT IS CLAREMONT MCKENNA LOOKING FOR

Claremont Mckenna is a liberal arts college, and it holds the traditional liberal arts values of cultivating broad and applicable knowledge, critical thinking, and general intellectual ability and inquiry.

Like all other top liberal arts colleges, Claremont looks for well-rounded students with strong academic profiles, extracurriculars, and personal essays. However, like every other top college, Claremont has specific elements that it looks for in a student, or rather, there are certain elements in students that are going to make them a better fit for Claremont. Remember that this is assuming that the baseline requirements have already been met: Claremont's evaluation process is a holistic one, meaning that every part of your application is taken into account when admissions officers make a decision, but the quantitative aspect of your application (test scores, GPA, etc) has to pass a certain threshold first.

When it comes to qualitative aspects, Claremont places a particular emphasis on intellectual curiosity, and looks for students who show not only specific depth of intellectual inquiry, but also diversity in their intellectual pursuits. You should demonstrate that you are actively pursuing intellectual growth, whether through your rigorous course load or through your essays. If you have strong STEM courses on your transcript, you should also have strong humanities courses, and vice versa. Your extracurricular activities should also demonstrate your engagement in activities beyond the classroom.

Overall, the factors that Claremont takes into account when considering a student for admission can be grouped into the following:

- **Curriculum and grades:** Claremont wants to see transcripts that depict a student is avidly pursuing intellectual growth across a range of disciplines through rigorous coursework and exceptional grades.
- **Extracurricular activities:** Claremont places a lot of weight on a student's extracurriculars. Students should display passion and depth of involvement in activities outside of the classroom.
- **Character:** This entails the personality of a student which Claremont has gauged from the whole application, and the impact the student will have on the campus.
- **Fit:** Claremont takes into account how a student will fit into the distinctive "Claremont experience", including the intensive Core Curriculum, a traditional liberal arts education at a Suburban campus.
- **Recommendations:** Claremont looks for evidence of intellectual curiosity and promise, school and community participation, and overall potential to make an impact on campus.
- **Context:** Claremont's "holistic" evaluation process means that it takes into account all the parts of the application while considering the context from which a student comes. This includes family resources, high school, community, interests, and access to resources.

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STEPS TAKEN

COACH COMMUNICATION + SOCCER CAMPS + MOVING TO AN SOCCER ACADEMY AND BOARDING SCHOOL IN THE U.S

- Internal discussions regarding soccer aspirations and recruitment opportunities
- Prepare and continuously update soccer videos and resume
- Summer Soccer Camps Planning and Shortlisting
 - Competed in multiple soccer camps in the summer, and fall leading up to his senior year and played in front numerous D1 and top academic D3 coaches
- We advised him on how to talk to coaches and how to strategically reply to them over email and text
- The most important decision made was not only moving from Singapore to Barca academy but from shifting from the Barca Academy to the MLS Next League Club BW Gottschee during his senior year of high school.
- AE did coach communication in the backend and gave updates to the family to give knowledge on where he stood on the coaches' radar compared to other recruits
- AE introduced Shaan to D3 coaches which eventually led to his recruitment
- For the schools Shaan was getting interest from, he did campus visits to each of them
- In the end, Shaan received pre-reads from Emory University, Macalester College, Oberlin College, Claremont Mckenna and Occidental College
- Claremont Mckenna offered him the most amount of support and it was also Shaan's first choice and hence Shaan applied ED2 to Claremont and RD to the remaining schools

UNIVERSITY CHOICES

Shaan's intended major was either Business or Economics. Along with his academic interest - playing college soccer was a must for Shaan and his family. We initially started out with the goal of targeting D1 schools but the offers he wasn't satisfied with the types of offers he was getting as he wanted to target better academic schools. Hence we opened up D3 options for him. In the end he had gained interest from D3 programs like Emory University, Case Western Reserve, Occidental College, Claremont Mckenna, Macalester College & Oberlin College

Out of which he ended up applying ED2 to Claremont Mckenna and RD to Macalester, Occidental and Emory University.

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IDENTIFY EA & ED CHOICES

The results of the pre-read process was the main determinant in deciding where to apply ED2. Shaan had done pre-reads with Emory, Occidental, Macalester & Claremont Mckenna - out of which Macalester coach would only support Shaan in ED2, Occidental and Emory coaches were willing to support Shaan in both ED2 and RD cycles however they mentioned that it posed a higher risk of rejection as coaches had less leverage in the RD cycle. Claremont was not only Shaan's top choice but also the coaches also gave assurance by telling us that no candidate with a positive pre-read has been rejected before. Hence, since Claremont was his first choice and the assurance was provided by the coach, Shaan decided to do ED2 to Claremont.

ESSAYS AND SUPPLEMENTALS

For his Common App personal statement how moving from Singapore to the U.S full time and living on his own sparked a period of personal growth for him as he learn how to manage his time better and take care of himself and be more responsible and independent which depicted his journey from a teenager to a young adult

COMMON APP

- Double check all information has been populated correctly
- Check all essays for grammar or spelling mistakes
- Check to see if all transcripts and recommendation letters have been submitted
- Give the family the ok to submit

FINAL TAKEAWAYS

- Achieve a high GPA while taking the most challenging classes available
- Aim for a 1450 + on the SAT and 32 + on the ACT
- Playing for a competitive MLS Next League or ECNL Club should be a top priority as it will be one of the most important contributors in the soccer recruitment process
- Be consistent with coach communication, participate in soccer camps and if possible, U.S
- Write engaging essays
- Secure early reads from coaches
- Showcase interest and passion on your intended academic area through profile building activities and demonstrate leadership, community service
- Apply Early Decision based on the pre-read results