

Cecily Riesenbergr
Advanced Placement Language and Composition
UT OnRamps Rhetoric
CAPROCK HIGH SCHOOL

January 6, 2025

Dear Admissions Committee,

It is with the utmost enthusiasm that I write to recommend Cain Clements -Acosta for admission to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Over the course of my time working with Cain as his teacher in a college-level rhetoric course offered through The University of Texas at Austin, I have come to know him as an exceptional individual whose intellect, curiosity, and determination set him apart from his peers.

Cain is one of the most talented and driven students I have encountered in my 16 years of teaching. His performance in OnRamps Rhetoric, where he consistently demonstrated an ability to think and write critically, left a lasting impression on me. For example, during an essay assignment on contemporary issues concerning race and ethnicity, Cain not only wrote a thoughtful and nuanced essay, but went above and beyond in his research and thinking to demonstrate a sophisticated grasp of the subject.

What truly distinguishes Cain, however, is his unrelenting passion for engineering. Outside the classroom, he has pursued relevant internships that align with his goal of becoming an engineer, further demonstrating his commitment to this field. Cain possesses a mechanical mind and thinks like an inventor, often seeing unique solutions to difficult problems. His work on the competitive Science Bowl Team exemplifies his ability to merge theoretical understanding with practical application, a quality that I believe will allow him to thrive at MIT.

In addition to his academic prowess, Cain is remarkably well-rounded. He is ranked at the top of his class, a testament to his dedication and hard work. Beyond academics, he is actively involved in a variety of activities, including varsity football and UIL Academic Ready Writing, showcasing his ability to balance rigorous academic pursuits with extracurricular commitments. His involvement in these diverse activities reflects his leadership, teamwork, and time-management skills.

Cain's academic abilities are complemented by his remarkable character. He is a natural leader and collaborator, often inspiring and guiding his peers during group projects or discussions. His humility, coupled with a genuine willingness to learn from others, makes him a pleasure to work with.

In my experience, few students possess the combination of intellectual brilliance, creativity, and determination that Cain demonstrates. I am confident that he will not only succeed at MIT but will also contribute meaningfully to its community through his ideas, energy, and dedication to excellence.

It is without reservation that I give Cain Clements -Acosta my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,
Cecily Riesenbergr

Texas Amateur Athletic Federation

Student, Athlete & Employee
Scholarship Application



*Promoting, Organizing and Conducting
Athletic Opportunities in the State of
Texas Since 1925*

TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Scholarship is funded by contributions from public and private sectors. These funds are set up in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation's Foundation. This scholarship is available in three categories. It is offered to Texas Amateur Athletic Federation athletes, both past and present; parks and recreation employees; and high school and/or college students seeking undergraduate or post graduate degrees in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation. A description of each category to be awarded is listed below.

The application and all requested documentation under the scholarship category for which you are applying are due to the T.A.A.F. State Office via email (ginger@taaf.com) by March 31st of each year. Announcement of selected individuals will be made at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Mid-Year meeting in April/May each year, for the upcoming fall, spring and summer semesters. To obtain detailed information regarding the program please contact:

Texas Amateur Athletic Federation
407 N. Water Street
Burnet, Texas 78611
Phone (512) 863-9400
www.taaf.com

Dan Whitworth Memorial Student Scholarships

Educational assistance available to graduating high school students or college students who are pursuing degree programs in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation with the intent to enter the recreation, parks and leisure service field as a career.

Eligibility Requirements:

Graduating High School Student/High School Graduate:

- Acceptance to an accredited college or university. Enrollment for a minimum of 12 hours will be required. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university.
- Has a high school class ranking of at least the top quarter or a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale or a minimum of 850-SAT, minimum score of 21 on ACT.

College or University Student:

- Currently enrolled at a college or university in an accredited Bachelors, Masters or Doctoral degree program in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university.

- Maintain a minimum of 12 hours per semester or graduate students must be enrolled full-time.
- Must possess a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or pass on a pass/fail system from the previous semester.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and considered on the basis of the following criteria:

- Honors and awards from, and participation in: activities, endeavors, volunteerism and work, etc. related to athletics and/or the field of parks and recreation
- SAT or ACT score
- Grade point average
- Submittal of all requested documentation
- Other objective related criteria determined by the selection committee

Linda Cornelius Athlete Category

Educational assistance is available to a **past or present Texas Amateur Athletic Federation athlete**, seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree, at an accredited college or university, and in an accredited degree program.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must have competed in one or more Texas Amateur Athletic Federation state level competitions or state tournaments.
- Acceptance to an accredited college or university. Enrollment for a minimum of 12 hours will be required. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university.
- Or, currently enrolled at a college or university in an accredited degree program. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university.
- Must possess a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a pass on a pass/fail system.
- Maintain a minimum of 12 hours per semester or graduate students must be enrolled full-time.

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and considered on the basis of the following criteria:

- Honors and awards from, and participation in, activities, endeavors, volunteerism and work related to athletics and/or the field of parks and recreation
- Submittal of all requested documentation
- Other objective related criteria determined by the selection committee

Employee Category

Educational assistance is available for part-time and/or full-time employees currently working in the parks and recreation field, whose **current employer** does not provide any continuing education or tuition funding and **is a current T.A.A.F. Member City**. Assistance is to be used for Bachelors, Masters and/or Doctoral degrees that may qualify them for future job enhancements and opportunities.

Eligibility Requirements

- Currently a regular, part-time and/or full-time employee working a minimum of 15 hours per week with at least 6 months of continuous service at one or more Member Cities at time of application.
- Must be demonstrating satisfactory work performance.
- Must not have received a formal disciplinary action in the preceding 6 months prior to the application submittal.
- Currently enrolled at a college or university in an accredited Bachelors, Masters or Doctoral degree program. Preference will be given to those applicants attending a Texas college or university and those seeking a degree in parks, recreation and tourism sciences, sports sciences / leisure services, public administration or related field.
- Must possess a GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a pass on a pass/fail system.
- Must not be employed by an entity that currently provides full tuition reimbursement.
- Maintain a minimum of 6 hours per semester or graduate students must be enrolled full-time.
- If not currently enrolled at a college or university, you may also apply for tuition to attend an accredited professional development training to obtain an industry relevant certification credential (CPO, ASO, CYSA, CPSI, etc).

Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and considered on the basis of the following criteria:

- Will the educational goal relate to a field in the parks and recreation profession?
- What contributions will the educational course or certification provide to the parks and recreation profession?
- Submittal of all requested documentation.
- Other objective related criteria determined by the selection committee.

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Scholarship Application**

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Please indicate which scholarship category and semester you are applying for.

(You may apply for more than one scholarship category if you meet the requirements; however,
SEPARATE APPLICATIONS are REQUIRED for each scholarship category.)

_____ High School Student Category (Dan Whitworth Scholarship) Semester: ____ Fall ____ Spring ____ Summer

_____ College Student Category (Dan Whitworth Scholarship) Semester: ____ Fall ____ Spring ____ Summer

_____ Linda Cornelius Athlete Category (High School or College Student) Semester: ____ Fall ____ Spring ____ Summer

_____ Parks & Recreation Employee Category Semester: ____ Fall ____ Spring ____ Summer

Or certification program: _____

Section 1 (Please type)

1. _____
Last Name First Name MI

2. _____
Mailing Address (Home or Permanent Residence) City State Zip Code

3. _____
Home Phone Number Business Phone Number E-Mail

4. _____
High School or College/University attending/graduated Graduation Date

5. High School/College Grade Point Average (GPA) on a 4-point scale: _____
(Transcripts must be attached for verification)

Major: _____ Semester Hours Attained: _____

Minor: _____ Semester Hours Next Semester: _____

6. _____
Current Employer Job Title Date of Employment

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Section 2 (Attach the additional sheets provided if necessary)

1. Describe volunteer and leadership experiences, accomplishments, honors, recognitions and awards received. These experiences may include academic, job related, and/or community service organizations with which you have been involved. Include your position and length of involvement.

Activities

Dates

[illegible]

2. Please list your chosen or anticipated field of study and explain why you believe the field is important.

[illegible]

3. How does Parks and Recreation have an impact on a community? How has it impacted you personally?

[illegible]

4. If awarded this scholarship, how would you utilize your educational experience to make an impact on the parks and recreation / leisure services profession in your community or society as a whole?

5. Explain your career goals upon graduation.

6. Are there any other factors you would like us to consider in evaluating your application? If so, please explain.

Additional Comments:

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Section 3 (Please attach the following documentation under the scholarship category you are applying for)

Dan Whitworth Memorial Scholarship - High School Student Category

- Letter of acceptance from a College or University. Enrollment verification of a minimum of 12 semester hours in classes directly related to acquiring a degree in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation will be required upon registration and prior to the awarding of scholarship funds.
- Official High School transcript (to include class rank and/or GPA)
- Official college entrance examination score
- Course curriculum/degree plan
- One letter of recommendation

Dan Whitworth Memorial Scholarship - College Student Category

- Enrollment verification of a minimum of 12 hours from a College or University with accredited programs relating to a degree in the field of sports sciences, kinesiology, conservation, physical education, recreation and tourism management and/or other related courses of study which may contribute to the field of parks and recreation.
- Verification of a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale from previous semester
- Course curriculum/degree plan
- One letter of recommendation

Linda Cornelius Athlete Category (High School or College Student)

- Texas Amateur Athletic Federation state competition roster(s) or individual sports card(s) and/or a letter detailing the state event(s) participated in, location, year, and region you represented.
- Enrollment verification from a College or University
- Verification of a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale from previous semester
- Course curriculum/degree plan
- One letter of recommendation

Parks & Recreation Employee Category

- Employer verification of your continuous service, employee classification, satisfactory work performance, and that no disciplinary action exists in the preceding 6 months of this application.
- Enrollment verification from a College or University.
- Verification of a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale from previous semester
- Course curriculum/degree plan
- One letter of recommendation from your current agency executive / director.

The application and all requested documentation under the scholarship category you are applying for, is due to the T.A.A.F. state office via email (ginger@taaf.com) by **March 31st** of each year. Application will be null and void if all documentation is not received in specified time frames and if the applicant falsifies any documentation in the application.

Applicant's Signature

Date

CAIN AIDEN CLEMENTS-ACOSTA
Student ID: CLEMECAI000
SSN : [REDACTED]
DOB : 04/25/2007
MALE
Non-Hispanic, White
GRADE : 12

STATE OF TEXAS
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT RECORD
(ACCREDITED)

Parents/Guardian
LINDSEY CLEMENTS-ACOSTA
3621 SE 30TH AVE
AMARILLO TX 79103-6704

Amarillo ISD - Live
Caprock High School
3001 E 34TH AVE
AMARILLO TX 79103
(806) 326-2200
CCBC: 440128

END OF COURSE

English I : Masters Spring 2022
English II: Masters Spring 2023
Biology : Masters Spring 2022
Algebra I : Masters Spring 2021
US History: Masters Spring 2024

Schools Awarding Credit
2023 188901002/188901002

2021 188901042/188901042
2024 188901002/188901002

2022 188901002/188901002
2025 188901002/

	S1	S2	AVG	CR		S1	S2	AVG	CR
Language Arts									
21/22 ENG 1:Q					22/23 SUBATH1	100	100	100	1.00
22/23 ENG 2:Y	95	95	95	1.00	23/24 SUBATH1	100	100	100	1.00
23/24 ENG 3:E2	100	100	100	1.00	Other Language				
24/25 APENGLIT:DP	100	100	100	1.00	20/21 SPAN 1:J	97	100	99	1.00
Speech	98			.50	23/24 APTACSAL:P	90	98	94	1.00
23/24 PUBSPKG1:DR					Fine Arts				
Mathematics	95			.50	21/22 MUS1ORCH	100	98	99	1.00
20/21 ALG 1:JQ	98	96	97	1.00	22/23 MUS2ORCH	99	99	99	1.00
21/22 GEOM:Q	100	96	98	1.00	23/24 MUS3ORCH	99	99	99	1.00
22/23 ALG 2:Y	97	100	99	1.00	24/25 MUS4ORCH	100			.50
23/24 APTACSAM:P	90	98	94	1.00	Career/Tech Ed				
23/24 PRE CALC:Y	94	90	92	1.00	21/22 ENGESS	100	100	100	1.00
24/25 APCALCAB:P	100			.50	21/22 GEMPLS	96	98	97	1.00
24/25 STATS:E2	98			.50	22/23 ROBOTIC1	100	100	100	1.00
Science									
21/22 BIO:Q	97	100	99	1.00					
22/23 CHEM:E2	98	99	99	1.00					
22/23 ENGSCIEN	95	94	95	1.00					
23/24 ESS	100	100	100	1.00					
23/24 IHESCI:E2	91	96	94	1.00					
24/25 EARTHSYS:E2	100			.50					
24/25 PHYSICS:E2	98			.50					
Social Studies									
22/23 APWHIST:P	97	100	99	1.00					
23/24 US HIST:E2	100	100	100	1.00					
24/25 APUSGOVT:P	98			.50					
P.E./Equivalent									
21/22 SUBATH1	100	100	100	1.00					

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Credit Totals: State 30.00 Local .00

Date of Class Rank: 01/08/2025
Rank: 2 Class Size: 448
GPA: 100.933
Quartile: 1
FHSP Speech Req Met Date:
CPR Instruction Met Date: 10/19/2021
Financial Aid Appl Req Met Date:
Date Printed: 01/14/2025
Performance Acknowledgements

Texas Grant Academic Indicator:
Date of Certificate:
Date of Graduation :
Graduation Program Type: FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM
Peace Officer Interact Met Date: 10/19/2021
First Early HS Completion Program:
Advanced Measures:
Distinguish Lvl of Achievement (Pursued)
Endorsements
-STEM (Pursued)

Official Signature

Passing is 70 or above D=DUAL CREDIT E2=DUAL ENROLLMENT J=HS+PRIOR TO 9TH GRADE
P = Passing F = Fail P=ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSE Q=PRE-ADVANCED PLACEMENT
TX Grant 1,2,5 = Eligible R=SUMMER SCHOOL COURSE Y=ADVANCED
A=100-90 B=89-80 C=79-75 D=74-70 F=69-0 W = PE Waiver "." credit granted by averaging