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Submission information

Public High School Scholarship Application

Applicant's Name

Colten Vannest

Your Email Address

lizardvannest@gmail.com

Your Cell Phone Number

[970-403-4722](tel:970-403-4722)

Applicant's Address

9370 Road 35
9370 Road 35
Mancos, Colorado. 81328

Parent or Guardian Information

Genevieve Vannest
14016
Genevieve Vannest
Son
9702582547

You are graduating from which high school?

Mancos

Field of Study You Plan to Pursue

Engineering

University You Will Attend

Colorado Mesa University
1100 North Ave
Grand Junction, Colorado. 81501

Transcript

[1 Mancos Transcript No ACT.Vannest_\(2\).pdf](#) (100.63 KB)

College Entrance Scores

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Two Reference Letters

- [CV LOR LH.\(1\).pdf](#) (32.2 KB)
- [CV LOR AM.pdf](#) (472.5 KB)

List High School and Community Honors and Activities

EXTRACURRICULARS

Fellowship of Christian Athletes
August 2020 - Present
7 years as Student Hudl Leader
Promote the organization,
Develop and share messages in front of organization

Including several messages at Durango's FCA (which is Colorado's largest chapter averaging 200 students in attendance)

Varsity Football

May 2022 - November 2025

Three year starting offensive lineman (Center)

Led offensive line with leadership and stats

Two year team captain

State Champion Team 2023

Football Awards

Football 2nd Team All State; 2025

Football 1st Team All Conference; 2024, 2025

Football 1st Team All-State; 2024

Football 2nd Team All Conference; 2023

Varsity Wrestling

May 2022 - February 2025

Three year starter

Two year team captain

Football Awards

Wrestling State Qualifier; 2023, 2024, 2025

Wrestling League Champion; 2024

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mancos Youth Sports - Youth Football Coach

June 2023 - October 2024

Co-Head coach in charge of offensive and defensive line technique and player substitutions

Create practice and game plans

communicate with kids and families

Promoted program values of dedication, hard work and integrity through messages and actions

10U League Runner Ups (2024)

ACADEMICS

Academic Awards

Academic All-State; 2026, 2025, 2024

Essay

My goal is to launch an engineering consulting firm specializing in "one-off" custom aviation and marine designs. This journey begins at Colorado Mesa University, where I will pursue a BS in Mechanical Engineering to master the physics and propulsion systems required for unconventional projects. After gaining industry experience in complex structures and safety regulations, I will transition into creating "outside-the-box" solutions rather than mass-produced parts. This scholarship would allow me to dedicate my full focus to the rigorous CMU curriculum, providing the foundation necessary to turn these unique engineering concepts into reality. Receiving the Empire Electric Scholarship would significantly reduce the financial burden of my tuition, allowing me to focus my energy on excelling in the challenging mechanical engineering curriculum at CMU.

Today's Date

2026-02-13

Applicant's Signature

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Official Transcript

Mancos High School

355 W Grand Ave ~ Mancos, CO 81328

Phone:970-533-7746 ~ FAX:970-533-7537 - www.mancosre6.edu

Vannest, Colten Robert

Date of Birth: 05/09/2008
 Gender: M
 Address: 9370 Road 35
 Mancos
 81328



Graduation Date:

Cumulative 9-12 GPA
3.97368

Class Rank
15 of 36

Academics

	Q1	Q2	S1	Q3	Q4	S2	Yr	Credit
25-26 Mancos High School								
12TH FLC - Chem 150			C-					1.00
12TH FLC - MATH 221 - Calculus 1			D-					1.00
12TH FLC-ES 136			A					1.00
24-25 Mancos High School								
11TH Advisory			A+			A		0.50
11TH Cad & Fabrication						B+		0.50
11TH FLC - Earth Shock- GEOL 170			A					1.00
11TH HS Student Aide						P		0.50
11TH LIT 1015- Intro to Lit			A-					1.00
11TH Math 1340-College Alg			B+					1.00
11TH Math- 1420-College Trig						A		1.00
11TH Physics			B			A+		1.00
11TH POS 1011 - American Government			A-					1.00
11TH SAT Prep						P		0.50
11TH Spanish I			A+			A+		1.00
11TH Strength & Cardio			A+			A+		1.00
23-24 Mancos High School								
10TH Advisory			P					0.25
10TH Algebra II			A			A		1.00
10TH American Sign Lang I			A-					1.00
10TH American Sign Lang II						A		1.00
10TH Chemistry			A+			A		1.00
10TH Gov't/Civics			A+			A+		1.00
10TH Concepts of Engineering						A-		0.00
10TH ENGL Comp 1021			B					1.00
10TH ENGL Comp 1022						B		1.00
10TH ENP 1005			A+					1.00
10TH Shop			A					0.50
10TH USNA Bluejackets						P		0.00
22-23 Mancos High School								
9TH CON1057/OHS1310						A		0.50
9TH English II							B	1.00
9TH Geometry			A			A		1.00
9TH Health			A			A+		1.00
9TH PBL Technology			A+					0.50
9TH PCC- UAS 1040/1050			B					1.00
9TH Physical Science			A+			A		1.00
9TH Shop						A		0.50
9TH Sports PE- Football			P					0.50
9TH Sports PE-Wrestling						P		0.50
9TH US History			A+			A+		1.00
21-22 Mancos High School								
8TH Algebra I			A+			A		1.00
8TH Biology (Acellus)						A		1.00

21-22 Mancos High School

	Q1	Q2	S1	Q3	Q4	S2	Yr	Credit
8TH English I			A+			A+		1.00
8TH World History (Acellus)						A		1.00

Total Credits Earned: **35.25**

Grade Points

A+ = 4.00, A = 4.00, A- = 4.00
 B+ = 3.00, B = 3.00, B- = 3.00
 C+ = 2.00, C = 2.00, C- = 2.00
 D+ = 1.00, D = 1.00, D- = 1.00
 F = 0.00

P = Participation (not included in GPA)
 NC = No Credit (not included in GPA)
 I = Incomplete
 * = No Credit Due to Attendance

Authorized Signature

Not official unless signed and sealed

Date issued: 01/26/2026

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my distinct pleasure to recommend Colten Vannest, a graduating senior of Mancos High School, for consideration for scholarship opportunities. I have had the privilege of working with Colten in various positions here at Mancos, including GT Coordinator, mathematics teacher, Athletic Director, and football coach, and I can say without hesitation that he is an exceptional young man whose impact has been felt both academically and athletically.

Colten has been a multi-year varsity starter on the football team, earning the respect of teammates and coaches through his work ethic, toughness, and consistency. This past season, he served as a team captain, a role he had been preparing for long before the title was officially bestowed. For the past two years, he took an active leadership role within the program—working with younger players to teach proper technique, modeling preparation and accountability, and helping establish the tone and standards of our program. His leadership was not loud or self-serving; rather, it was grounded in example, integrity, and a genuine desire to see others succeed. His efforts were recognized not only locally, but by both his league opponents and the football coaches across the state of Colorado. Colten earned league honors 3 years in a row and was named as an all-state player both his junior and senior year.

Equally impressive was his commitment to sportsmanship and hard work. He consistently represented our school with class—toward opponents, officials, teammates, and fans—and held himself and others to a high standard. He understood that leadership means doing the right thing even when no one is watching, and he lived that principle daily.

Colten was also a multi-year wrestling state qualifier, a testament to his discipline, mental toughness, and willingness to embrace challenge. Competing at that level requires persistence and resilience, qualities that define him as both an athlete and a person.

Academically, Colten is just as impressive. He is an excellent student who challenged himself by enrolling in advanced-level coursework and college classes, consistently demonstrating strong study habits, intellectual curiosity, and personal responsibility. He has been formally identified as Gifted and Talented (GT), and his ability to balance rigorous academics with the demands of high-level athletics speaks volumes about his time management skills and maturity.

Colten will be sorely missed within our school community—not only in the athletic department, where his leadership and example elevated those around him, but also academically, where he set a standard of excellence for his peers. He leaves behind a legacy of commitment, character, and quiet confidence.

I am confident that Colten will thrive at the collegiate level and will be a positive contributor to any campus community. He has my highest recommendation for scholarship consideration. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Louis Horton, RAA
Mancos School District
LHorton@mancosre6.edu
970.533.7744 x4311

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To whom it may concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Colten Vannest. I have been in Colten's life since he was a child, and I have had the incredible opportunity to watch him grow into an outstanding man. Having Coached Colten, seen him in the classroom and witnessed his work ethic outside of the school setting gives me a unique perspective on how well rounded he is.

As a student Colten has always been advanced and has always pushed himself by taking advanced course work. As a junior he was able to start taking college level classes and this year as a senior he makes a sixty-mile a day commute to Fort Lewis College to attend college classes full-time. He is an incredibly determined student that always raises the bar.

As an athlete Colten has been a cornerstone in our football and wrestling programs. In football he is a 3-year starter, 3-time first team all-conference and a two-time all-state player. As a wrestler Colten is a 3-time state tournament qualifier. I reference those accolades only as a precursor to the amount of work I witnessed him put in on a consistent basis throughout his career. As a sophomore he was our starting center on our state championship football team. In the summer specifically that led into that season Colten garnered the respect of all his teammates for his efforts in the weightroom and the leadership he showed on the football field. That respect earned him the responsibility of being a 2-year team captain.

As a citizen it is worth noting that Colten has volunteered several hundred hours as a volunteer coaching youth football, youth wrestling and spearheading multiple fundraising events for the programs. His impact on our younger athletes has been incredible, and I am confident that his impact will pay dividends to the next generation of Mancos athletes. Coupled with his efforts in our youth sports programs is the efforts he has made working at his mother's preschool in Mancos. From helping with the landscaping and maintenance of the school to volunteering in the classroom. I can safely say Mancos High School has never had a student athlete volunteer more than Colten.

In conclusion I want to acknowledge that I am thankful for the opportunity to write this letter. I am not sure that I can say enough about this young man and the impact I believe he will have in his life. With a work ethic like Colten's, I believe he will be able to do anything in life that he chooses and I give him my highest recommendation.

Written with respect and admiration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan Matthews". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.