

## Admission Essay for soccer scholarship (by Tomas Zajfert)

I believe that attitude towards life shows what kind of person you are. I want to start this admission essay with a personal story which shows how my attitude towards things in life changed. In my first season in the under 19 team of the Sv Vaihingen, I had the strong will to get in a higher league. I played in the highest league of the state Württemberg although I had 2 more years left in the junior league. But since nothing in life is safe, on my last match of the season, two of my ribs were broken. Injury, the dream killer, my dream killer. All the years I gave my sweat and my blood to soccer, all the hours I spend with hard practice were not worth it anymore. The season ended and I had no chance to apply for a higher league team. At this juncture I was about to give up the soccer and what was more important, I was about to give up in school because soccer was the thing that gave me power in every part of my life. But there was one coach who helped me up on my feet and opened my eyes with some impressive words he said. He said if I take every day on earth like it is my last, then there's nothing I could lose. I would enjoy everything I do, no matter if I have to study or to help my father on his work. I would give my best in everything I do because I want that everything is perfect when I leave the world. I fought my way back and I play now in the Landesliga in Württemberg. You may ask why should I earn a scholarship. I see the chance to finance my study with the thing I love and I will fight and work every single minute hard for it. Attitude is the key to success. The most influential things that make me to who I am are: professionalism, reliability, punctuality, flexibility, I can handle with critique, teachable, ambitiously but not ruthless, and I always try to be a good example.

It is clear that the educational and the athletic part have to work hand in hand that this works, but it is also important that you make yourself different objectives in both parts. In the educational part, the main target is clear: to get graduated. My aim is to get a GPA as good as possible for me. I know that my future depends on my graduation, so I want to graduate with a good grade. Further I want to have a good and respectful contact to my professors and my mates and I want to be always an option if somebody needs help. The last important part is to learn as much as possible things for my future life. I hope to meet a lot of interesting people, to learn useful and interesting knowledge from which I can expand my horizon. The athletic part can be split in two parts. On one side there are my personal objectives and on the other

side there are the objectives you have for the team. My personal aims are to get every day on a higher level, i want to get better with every practice. To be a fair sportsman ought to be the aim of every athlete no matter which kind of sport he does. Violent actions in sport are not acceptable and i see it as my task to be a fair sportsman and a good model to others. As a goal-keeper my main aim for all matches is to keep the zero, to save every ball and to be a reliable support for the team. The objective for the team is also clear, to win all matches and be successful.

To have a imagination and plans for the future is always good. You can't be safe what you will become but you can be safe what you want to become. I decided to apply for a study in the states because i wanted to work in my future life internationally. I want that my job gives me the opportunity to travel around the world and to be part of adventures. I think that you work better when you have a job you like and you do it every day with a smile on your face. Everybody has another expectation for the future and everybody has a right to believe in other things. For me a thing can only be a future when these points are guaranteed. I want to form my future as long as it still is my future because if i wait until my future becomes my past i can only imagine what would have happened if i took another way. As long as i am not afraid of my future i can be everything i want because limits like fears are often just an illusion.

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