

Application Related Information

Application: Application Incomplete
Grad Program Applying To: MES

Iteration Name: 202610_GR_G
Program Name: MES

Recommendation Information

Recommended By: Philip Jones
Recommenders Institution: Clark College
Waive Access to Recommendation Ltrs: I choose to waive my right to review this recommendation.
Recommendation Form Submitted: ✓

Recommenders Title: Biology Professor
Contact Name: Will Niskanen
Recommendation Waiver Choice:
Recommendation Status: Received

Received Date: 03/06/2025 10:25 AM
Recommendation Type: General
Recommendation Entity ID: 1024000121622159

Recommender Assessment: I recommend this applicant.
Recommender Form: Letter of Recommendation
Recommendation Owner: Josephine Bernier

Recommender Form Questions

How long have you known applicant:	Applicant ability as self-directed learner:
Time since last contact with applicant:	Applicant as productive member of group:
Relationship with Applicant:	Applicant most significant strengths:
Ability to complete rigorous grad program:	Responsibility/reliability:
Communication Skills - Oral:	Communication skills - written:
Service Orientation-sensitivity/empathy:	Ability to work independently:
Ability to handle stress:	Ability to think critically:
Ability to analyze/problem solve:	Ability to think creatively:
Openness to feedback:	Potential for leadership:
Ability to work in a team:	Personal/professional reflection:

Description Information

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Other Information

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March 2, 2025

Evergreen State College

Esteemed Reviewer(s),

This letter is submitted on behalf of Clark College student Will Niskanen. For two quarters now, I was Will's instructor for the biology major's sequence (BIOL 221, 222, and 223). In each of these courses, Will was a top performer and one of my best students. He was always diligent, engaged, prepared, and thoughtful. Will arrived at class each day with a smile on his face and a kind disposition for everyone, but it is the coursework where Will moved ahead of the rest. His quiz and exam scores were consistently exemplary and his term papers were well organized, thorough, and eloquent.

In laboratories, Will was stellar as well. He worked wonderfully with his lab mates while, in many instances, gently and tactfully helping to guide them through complicated procedures and evaluations. His laboratory notebook was always well developed, thoroughly capturing the events of that day and observations with an appropriate level of attention to detail.

In 17 years of teaching I have never experienced a more well-rounded, intelligent, engaged, and caring student than Will Niskanen. I have full confidence that given the opportunity, he would make Evergreen State College proud to have afforded him a chance.

Thank you for your consideration of this outstanding student,

Philip D. Jones, Ph.D.
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