

# Sample Letter To a College Coach

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Dear Coach O'Brien,

My name is John Phillips and I am a junior at Redmond High School in Washington State. Santa Clara is one of my top choices for school next year. I believe that I am well qualified for SCU as I have maintained a 3.78 GPA through high school while challenging myself with many advanced classes. I also received an SAT score of 1250, and enjoy participating in numerous extracurricular opportunities in my community.

While I am very interested in contributing to SCU's academic community next year, I hope to continue playing baseball there as well. For the past two years I have contributed at the Varsity level at Redmond High School (seeing playing time during my sophomore year and starting my entire junior year). I am a pitcher and an outfielder and bat in the middle of the lineup. Also, for the past two years I have been very fortunate in having the opportunity to work with Bob Wilkinson on becoming stronger both on the mound and in life. I am also extremely thrilled that Coach Wilkinson will become Redmond High School's head coach this season, and look forward to making a strong run at the Washington state title.

Last summer I played for the Kirkland Merchants 18U team which was coached by Mike Bishop. I have been working with Coach Bishop on hitting since I was 11 and was thrilled to receive an invitation to his new team last summer. I am also very excited to play for him and the Kirkland Merchants again next year as we were very competitive last summer and have continued to grow since then.

I think that what you did at UC San Diego was very impressive and I want to be a part of what you are setting out to do at SCU. I am very excited to hear back from you, and would love to meet you when I visit your campus next month.

Thank you very much for your time,

John Phillips

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