

My family has been through many rough times in the last year from my dad getting laid off right before summer, to my uncle who helped me through problems when I needed someone went got incarcerated. To cope with my uncle going to jail I had to keep myself out of problems that were avoidable, so I killed two birds with one stone and got a summer job in the fields to help out my family with money.

Not having my uncle around was rough he looked out for me, he was sort of another father figure to me. When he got incarcerated my heart sank the one person who I could go to wasn't going to be here anymore. I started missing school and not being on top of my grades. This in turn would bite me back when I couldn't finish by the required deadline. I know I made a huge mistake by falling behind and I did my best at the end to try and fix it but I fell barely short. All I need is one chance to make things right and have my uncle watch me at graduation getting my diploma.

When my dad got laid off I took up a job working in the fields and making boxes for berries. The hours were the worst part I had to wake up at four thirty am just to make it on time at 7 before school and I had to go back after school. When I had started I had no time between school work I would get home right away and fall asleep getting ready for the next day to start the cycle again. When my dad found work he thought I'd better keep my job until soccer started just so we could make sure his new job was stable. It was hard getting to practice from work and then going home at eight and working on school. I managed to get four classes done with the time I had after I straighten out myself this summer during summer school.

All in all I just would appreciate another chance I fought through all my problems over the summer and it just wasn't enough. Not being able to play alongside my peers whom I've been play with since I was in fifth grade for one last season would make all my struggles go to waste. Finally I would just like to say the events that happened to me could have happened to anyone and I'm not trying to use them as an excuse, but they were just too much for me at the moment. I have matured and

will do my best this upcoming school year.

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