

August 20, 2015

Dear Sky-Em Hardship Committee,

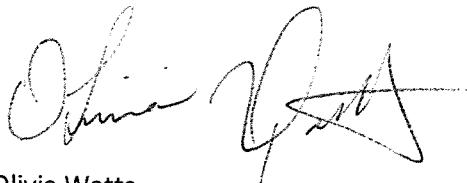
I have participated in sports as long as I can remember. Gymnastics, soccer and basketball were the main sports until high school, this is when I began doing crew. Sports have allowed me to improve myself and it is fulfilling to be on a team and watch us grow together. In high school I have been able to teach and guide under classmen during tryouts and drills. It has taught me how to be a leader.

Teamwork is the most important aspect in any sport for any team. Character is built through the relationships I have made, especially those from sports teams. My teammates push me to my limits and they help me to see what I am unable to see from my position. My coaches and teammates support me both on and off the field/court and I wouldn't be the person I am today without their support and guidance.

It is important for me to continue my involvement in sports because they provide a family away from my immediate family. Since I am a new student this year it is even more important. My teammates not only become my friends but like sisters to me. Teammates and coaches also accept me for the person I am. Having the opportunity to play on a sports team teaches me to balance my life and time appropriately. Practices and games take a lot of time out of the day in addition to the six hour school day. Athletes have less time for homework and studying so there is no time for procrastination.

As an athlete I push myself to new extremes because I want to and because I strive to better my skills and techniques. I have been a better person simply because I am an athlete. I have developed more patience and tolerance for most everything. I am more driven and passionate and enjoy what I do because my parents never forced me to play a sport I didn't want to. I have developed into my own unique person through being involved in athletics and hope to be able to continue.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



Olivia Watts

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Dear Sky-Em Hardship Committee,

In June I moved my family from New York to Oregon. We reside at my father-in-laws home in order to help care for him. In the past six months he has been diagnosed with terminal cancer in addition to losing his wife, he also suffers from advanced Alzheimers disease. My two daughters will be attending Sisters High School. They are looking forward to being able to spend more time, as well as help out with their grandfather. My parents also live in Oregon and have both suffered strokes this past year as well. It is very important to my family and me that we are able to be of access to our extended family at this time.

My husband was not able to join us in the move this year due to his employment contract with the United States Military Academy. He fortunately has been able to spend much of the summer with us and plans to visit during the school year as much as possible.

I greatly appreciate your understanding of our situation.

Sincerely,



Carrie Watts