

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alexis and I'll be a junior at Grant High School this year. I'm applying for this hardship because my passion for volleyball is so deep. I hope to go to a D1 or D2 college and I know I have to work very hard for it, but I'm willing to put forth the effort to achieve it. I live with my mother and my stepfather in a 2 bedroom duplex, I just moved in with my mom my freshman year and it was very hard for me to adjust to not being with my father. My mother lost her job so we had to move in with her old sister-in-law. It was super hard for us and I started to feel like I wasn't worth anything. Me and my mom slept together in the basement Everyone could see a difference in my normal life, social life and especially in my school life. My grades slowly started to plummet and I started to keep to myself I lost a lot of friends. By then I was starting to get depressed and at one point had even considered suicide. In school it was hard for me to focus and I started falling back in my classes. I was diagnosed with ADHD at a very young age and I used to take medication to help me calm down and focus. I stopped taking my meds when it started making me fall right asleep. Anyways, things are better in my home and in my life. I really am focused on a better path and am ready to step up and get on the right track so I can graduate. School is the most important thing to me right now. I've set up a plan with my counselor and I am willing to do what it takes. I have also started taking my medication again. I'm ready to turn my life around to be successful, not only will that make my family happy but it will make me very happy.

Respectfully,

Alexis Howard-Johnson