

To whom it may concern,

This is a letter regarding Kyah Sherman; I am her aunt Kendra Reed. She lives with me and her three brothers and two cousins. Kyah's father Josh Sherman fell on hard times last year and had to move in with his mother and is a huge strain on their family, Kyah was not happy with the situation and asked her mother Amber Powell if she could live with her. Amber did not have housing herself and that is why I have been raising Kyah's brothers and her. Amber also had serious medical problems. Kyah and her mother were supposed to get a house together but Amber found out she had cancer and needed to move to Portland for treatment. At this time I asked Kyah to come stay with me till her parents got more stable living conditions. She agreed. At the time, Kyah was having emotional issues dealing with her mother's diagnosis and no transportation to school and no stable living conditions. We as a family had a very difficult time last year. Kyah has since gotten her license, and has overcome grief and has a happy stable home now here with me and her brothers. She has made this her permanent home although she doesn't even have a room. Sports here have given her such a relief, and she wants to pursue sports in college. She is very focused this year and has attended every practice with such excitement. I believe education and attendance should always come first along with a curfew and I have strict rules that applies at this home. Kyah has had an amazing summer and has not broken any rules at home and became a very responsible young adult... I will ask on my behalf that you consider the hardship for her to continue to play sports on term you see fit. Thank you for your time and if you have any further questions please call at any time. 541-430-5322

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