

Hi my name is Shahalie Totten, i am the sister and legal guardian of my little brother Brandon Totten. I am writing this letter due to the ineligibility of my brother being able to participate in football, and to appeal to you why i feel my brother should be allowed to play. all i know is how much he loves the game of football, he has been talking about this season for months now. he paid his own way to play, as well for the SOU football camp in june. he loves bend high he talks about the tradition of the school all the time, he chose to drive himself to school everyday to be able to go to bend high instead of any other school. when we were younger we moved around a lot, my brother went several different schools all the way up to middle school. bend high has been his only high school and he has been pretty set on playing four years of football especially his senior year.

we live out of district in the home that are mother left us, brandon, my fiance, my son an i. things can get pretty tight with it only being us. brandon worked alot this last winter, and i'm not making excuses for him because lord knows i was on him about his school work. ive talked to him about investing more time in his schooling this year, and i would hate to see if football was taken away from him as an alternative escape. he has already had a rough year, after being in an a fender bender, brandon was sued by the plaintiff and we spent months trying to figure that out.

I feel brandon has put in the time an effort to be able to play football, my worst fear is for ot be stripped away from him, and send him spiraling down the wrong path this year, i believe football will help my brother so much this year. He always seems to do better when he is in a sport. i just want to see him be successful and finish his senior year strongly. i know that if he is given this opportunity he will not just let it go.

sincerely,  
Shahalie Totten