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Eligibility Letter

Playing soccer is an amazing thing. It gives me joy and makes me forget about my problems; however, I realize I am a student athlete and understand school comes first and then soccer. Ever since my freshman year, I have been struggling with many problems, such as family and health issues.

First of all, I have been struggling with anxiety problems. I have a very hard time sitting down for more than a half hour because I lose focus. I have been to counseling to try to get help for this, but I still can't manage to keep my concentration for long periods of time. I believe this negatively affects my grades.

Another issue which has affected me as a student was the loss of a loved one. Early first trimester of my junior year, I lost someone who was very close to me. She was like a second Mother to me and losing her greatly affected my emotionally in a negative way.

An additional factor which impacted me both academically and emotionally was when my Dad got sick. This caused me to miss school more often than I would have liked throughout this past school year. The first two trimesters I managed to pass all my classes and it was the third trimester when I began missing even more school as my Dad's illness worsened and I fell behind. I was failing three of my five classes as a result. I was able to recover one of them. I knew I had to recover more of my credits toward graduation so I registered and attended a summer school program. I attended for four weeks and successfully completed the course. I had to stop working while attending this course and was no longer able to help my parents economically which made it harder for them.

All of these things have been really difficult to get through personally, emotionally and academically. I am working through these things the best I can and am committed to being a student athlete first. I am making my studies my highest priority and am looking forward to obtaining and maintaining the necessary credits to successfully graduate Canby High School. I really hope I can still have the opportunity to play soccer for Canby High School my senior year. This is an important part of my life and would really be helpful to me personally. Thank you.

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