

My name is Joey Kibbey and I am senior at Mary High School. I am writing this letter to ask for a hardship to reinstate me as soon as possible so I may be eligible to play football my senior year with my teammates and coaches.

It has been a rough couple of years for me. My grandmother passed away of cancer during my sophomore year. It was a very emotional time because we were all very close to her. She was always supporting me at every sporting event, birthday, holiday and even just hanging out and visiting. During that same time I was in a relationship that was not a good influence in my life and unfortunately I was blind to what was going on. She had control over every aspect of my life. The only thing I had was my sports. Everyone that was an important part of my life tried to warn me and show me that I was going down the wrong path but because of the pain from the loss I didn't know how to show or tell anyone what I was going through deep inside. I was with her for two years before I said enough is enough and ended things during my junior year. It was very hard because she stated all kinds of rumors about me, tried to run me over in the school parking lot and then she told me she was going to commit suicide because I broke her heart. At that point everything came crumbling down around me again. I mean, here I was thinking what I do if she did commit suicide. It would be my fault... that's what I thought.

I ended up talking to my family, friends and teachers about everything that was going on. Unfortunately my grades started to slip. I tried to pull it together but it just wasn't in time.

Then towards the very end of my junior year there were some family issues at home. I did move in with my dad for a short time. During this I just had the mind set of "I don't care" which I never should have because now it has ruined any chance I may have attend a University after high school.

Being with my dad for summer visitation made it that I was unable to attend summer school. He had already planned certain family functions that were payed for a long time ago because we didn't know I was going to do poorly on my grades.

My goal for myself going into my senior year is to stay strong and finish even stronger! When I got my schedule for this year I had two releases. I chose not to have them but instead take classes because I want to show everyone that I am not taking the easy way out. I know I will not be able to attend a University but I still plan on attending a community college where I plan on getting the grades I need to transfer to a University later.

I have played many sports since I can remember. Right now I play football, wrestling and baseball. When I am in a sport I truly believe it keeps me grounded and not out getting into trouble. I have seen this happen to several friends that stopped doing

Sincerely, Joey Kibbey

I would be truly grateful to be able to play with my teammates for our last year together. I am not taking anything for granted and this has opened my eyes because I love sports so much. In closing I would like to thank each and everyone of you for taking the time to read and consider my letter for a hardship so I can play with my team for our senior year.

Sports and started getting into drugs and ending up dropping out of school. I believe sports play a very important part in student athletes lives. It keeps us accountable for our actions, academics, attendance and pushes us for a healthier life style. You become part of a family during that sport with all the other kids, parents and coaches. Everyone looks after one another. Coaches especially push you towards you doing your very best on and off the field. With sports in my life I was one of the lucky ones that didn't choose the wrong path into what could've been a horrible outcome for my future. Instead I ran into a few hurdles that I want more than anything to prove myself. I feel horrible, not only did I let myself down but I also let my parents, teammates, teachers and coaches down as well.