

NORTH MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLACK TORNADO

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September 21, 2015

Tom,

Dillon Ulrey enrolled at North Medford HS September 2, 2014. He is ineligible because he is a fifth year senior.

Dillon and his girlfriend had a baby in May of 2014. Since then, he and his girlfriend have moved into the North Medford attendance area. Dillon no longer lives with his mom or dad.

In the 2013-14 school year, Dillon and his girlfriend were in the process of having a baby, moving, and trying to put together the rest of their lives. School became secondary, and basic life needs were needing to be fulfilled. During the time, Dillon dropped out of school, not attending from September of 2014 until April of 2014. Dillon and his counselor have outlined a plan for him to graduate this year.

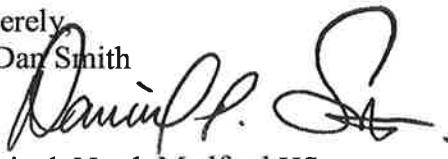
As you can see by his transcripts, Dillon has made a dramatic turn-around in his life since he enrolled at North Medford. Wrestling has been a big carrot that has encouraged him to do well in the classroom. He really wants to go on to earn a degree in college, and continue to wrestle. First year at Crater-1.06 GPA, 4.5 credits. Second year at Crater-.87 GPA, 4.5 credits. Third year online (did not attend school until April 2014) 1.66 GPA, 1.5 Credits. **Fourth year at North Medford High School, 3.14 GPA, 8.5 credits!** He needs 5.0 credits to graduate, which he is excited to do the spring.

We believe that being involved in athletics is not only a positive outlet for Dillon, but also a motivator for him to do well in the classroom. The circumstances described above and in the enclosed letters adequately describe the hardships he has endured, as well as the 8 month gap in his education. The work he has done in the past 12 months has led us to make this request. We would ensure that Dillon maintains a full schedule and passes ALL classes to maintain his eligibility.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dan Smith



Principal, North Medford HS

Tim Sam



Athletic Director, North Medford HS

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Daniel P. Smith, Ed. D., Principal

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September 16, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Since enrolling at North Medford High School Dillon has made tremendous academic progress as well as grown personally I believe. Especially when considering his past school performance; Dillon earned 8.50 credits last year, as well as during summer school & the most that he'd completed in any of his prior school years was 4.50 credits. Not only has Dillon worked hard academically but also personally, I've seen & witnessed this transformation from observing & listening to Dillon as well as staff here at NMHS. Since enrolling with us here at NMHS Dillon hasn't had any discipline issues, attendance issues, not only passed all of his classes last year but did so while earning a 3.15 GPA. Dillon is now currently in need of 5.00 credits to meet graduation requirements & there is not a doubt in my mind that he will earn his diploma.

Dillon has again shared with me that he believes that he is more committed to his education and earning his diploma for a few reasons; concrete goals for his future, being a father, living independently and also a great desire and yearning to wrestle if possible. I believe all of these factors to be motivators in regards to the progress that he made last year and is already making this year. Dillon may say now that he is lucky to have become a Black Tornado but I can honestly say that I know there are now many that would tell you that we are the ones lucky to have Dillon Ulrey as part of our Black Tornado Family.

This year, Dillon is enrolled in six classes even though he is only in need of five to graduate and meet OSAA eligibility requirements; yet another sign of Dillon's transformation, desire to better himself and do more rather than less. Dillon is hoping to continue wrestling this year if possible and I believe it would be to his advantage to do so and furthermore a disservice to him if he weren't allowed to. My reason for believing this is that this isn't something that Dillon has to do but again something in his life that he wants to do since he believes that it betters him holistically. This year would be Dillon's fourth year competing at the high school level since he did not compete in what was his junior year. This being another factor that strongly influences my supporting Dillon being allowed to continue wrestling this year. I am one that is in strong opposition of a high school student-athlete being allowed five years of competing at the high school level.

In closing I'd like to wish nothing but the very best for Dillon Ulrey moving forward, I truly believe he is a young man that turned his life around & for a number of reasons; the number one being for himself and his now family which is most important. I can only hope that he is able to compete in wrestling this year and possibly even beyond the high school level since it offers him so much in his life and I have to believe will continue to make him a better person.

Sincerely,



Rob Cowden – Counselor North Medford High School

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September 17, 2015

To whom it may concern:

Dillon Ulrey has overcome much to be the student he is today. He competitively wrestles and cares for his young son in addition to being a student. Dillon was a pleasure to have in class. In fact, I nominated him for the science student of the month award that he received last year. Dillon was a leader in a chemistry class of students that were younger than him. He would keep the other students on track by reminding them to focus and by actively setting an example of focusing and participating in class himself. Dillon also regularly help those around him who were struggling.

Dillon was always respectful and made sure he did what was necessary to be successful in chemistry. The first two quarters of the year he earned outstanding grades and the second two quarters he earned C's; however, I still saw Dillon making sure he took care of school work in order to pass the class the last two quarters. An example of this was Dillon being proactive in making sure he did as much work as possible before being gone for a week during fourth quarter, and then upon his return he worked hard to get caught up.

In light of Dillon's work ethic and leadership skills I recommend him for his athletic hardship request. If you have further questions I can be contacted by phone at 541-941-7468 or by email at joshua.smith@medford.k12.or.us.

Sincerely,



Joshua Smith
Chemistry Teacher
North Medford High School

Tim Sam

From: Terrall-Amy Deitrick <deitricks@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 2:34 PM
To: Tim Sam
Subject: Dillon letter

Dear OSAA,

My name is Dillon Ulrey and I am a senior at North Medford High School and I am asking for a 5th year eligibility to be able to wrestle this year. I previously attended Crater High School as a Freshman and Sophomore. I attended Crater High School for about 3 weeks as a Junior, but decided to enroll in the K12 online school but didn't actually get registered and start until April of 2014. I was basically out of school all of my Junior year. Due to some difficulties in my life, I was behind on credits to be on track for graduation. My parents divorced at the start of my Freshman year, I had to move in with my grandma with my dad and my brother and it was hard to concentrate on my school work with the added stress. I started staying on friend's couches because I was not getting along with my dad and I was still upset with my mom over the divorce and I felt lost with all the chaos. I went back to my dad's for awhile but still couldn't get along with him so I eventually moved in with my mom towards the end of my Sophomore year. About 6 months later my girlfriend ended up getting pregnant. My son was born in May of 2014 and since then my priorities have changed which include getting back on track for graduation, raising my son and working to support my family. I also completed summer school this summer to catch up on some missed credits from all of the previous turmoil in my life and am now on track to graduate. During the 2014-2015 school year I was able to keep a 3.0 GPA all year while also working and wrestling. I truly appreciate the hardship I was given last year by the OSAA and I am asking to please grant me a 5th year eligibility this year to be able to continue doing what I love to do. I believe that I deserve this chance to be able to wrestle this year and I appreciate your consideration. I will continue to work as hard as I did last year and be able to graduate this year.

Thank You,

Dillon Ulrey

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab®4

Dear OSAA,

I am writing this appeal letter for a 5th year eligibility on behalf of my son Dillon Ulrey. Dillon is a senior at North Medford High School this year and previously attended Crater High School as a Freshman and Sophomore. He attended Crater High School for about 3 weeks of his Junior year and then decided to enroll at K12 Insight online school but didn't get fully registered until April of 2014 so essentially he was out of school all of his Junior year. He attended North Medford High School as a senior during the 2014-2015 school year earning a varsity letter in wrestling and maintaining a 3.0 GPA the whole year, while also working with his dad doing lawn care. His dad and I divorced at the start of his freshman year and since then his life has been in chaos. He had to move in with his grandma along with his dad and his younger brother and school was difficult because of all of the stress of the divorce. He started staying at friend's houses here and there because he wasn't getting along with his dad and was still very upset with me for leaving his dad. His grades suffered because he had no stability caused by his dad and me fighting through the divorce. He went back to his dad's house, but they still weren't getting along so finally, at the end of his sophomore year he moved in with me. By then his grades and attendance were very poor and about 6 months later his girlfriend got pregnant. His son was born in May of 2014. He felt like he needed to start providing for his son and started working with his dad doing lawn care. After a few months of working, Dillon decided that he wanted to rededicate his life to school and sports while also trying to raise his son and work as much as he could as well. He ended the 1st term with a 3.3 GPA and maintained a 3.0 GPA all 3 semesters. He would really like to be able to participate in school sports this year as well. Dillon has really grown as a person with everything he's been through. The divorce of his parents, basically living on friend's couches for a period of time and having a child at 17yrs old. I believe he deserves a chance to have a 5th year of eligibility because of the progress he's made in school and in life. He worked very hard this last school year making up credits and also attending summer school to earn the credits he missed while also working to support his family. Giving him this opportunity would really change his life.

Thank you for your consideration,

Amy Deitrick