



Madison Women's Basketball

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To whom it may concern:

It is my intention to write to you in support of an academic hardship on behalf of Madison High School sophomore Maria Taylor. Maria is a student-athlete with some unique circumstances that had significant impact on her academic success last semester and she has been working tirelessly on corrective action to rectify her situation.

Maria participated in Winter sports last season at Madison. At the conclusion of winter sports her biological father was sentenced to prison and deportation. To further complicate the situation her step-father was hospitalized with serious medical complications. As a result, Maria lost significant stability in her family situation and her academic progress halted while she dealt with the emotional and mental stress associated with unbalanced and chaotic home life. In spring of 2015, Maria failed all but one of her classes, in large part due to attendance issues.

I was hired as the Head Varsity Coach in August of 2015. Maria immediately approached me about her academic challenges. I was able to connect with Maria on a regular basis to support her academic success in the first semester of the school year and Maria is showing significantly large progress. She has demonstrated to me that she understands the importance of her academic success and she has dedicated a substantial effort into improving her own accountability towards that success. At the time of this writing, Maria is failing only one class, and has shown significant progress within that class. We anticipate that Maria will not fail any classes at the end of the semester. She has been receiving tutoring and homework assistance. She also connected with the school dean to set up a support system to help her be accountable to her attendance.

Being a part of the team is going to be essential for Maria to have continued success. She values basketball and her teammates immensely. Basketball and the coaching staff also provide Maria with a caring community of peers and adults who assist Maria with her self-esteem, maturity, and personal growth. I believe this hardship would be a life-changing opportunity for Maria and I genuinely believe that she will continue to demonstrate academic progress as a direct result of having athletics in her life.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Madison High School