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Dear Oregon School Activities Association Members:

I am in my third year of high school and recently transferred to South Medford High School. I am also new to the West Coast and am requesting a hardship waiver to be permitted to compete on the South Medford wrestling team for my junior and senior years.

Due to a number of family issues, I missed enrolling in school for the school year 2014-2015 (my Junior Year). This situation arose from a number of issues stemming from my dad's retirement from the military. We had a lot of setbacks getting our Florida house rented which snowballed into a number of significant matters that forced my family to have to make our move to the West Coast on our own without help from a military moving company. So it was a family effort and my help was needed to make two separate trips from Florida to Oregon. My dad couldn't physically do it without me. So I helped in every way from getting the house ready to rent, to packing things up for storage and loading the trailer for the first trip. When we were finally ready, I helped drive our belongings all the way across the country to Oregon. With all of the disruption we finally arrived in October 2014. It was too late for me to enroll and catch up to the rest of the juniors in my class and I still had a second trip to make with my dad.

I did not let the time go by without taking advantage of many learning opportunities. On our second trip across country we made a number of stops to learn about our country. Hoover Dam, route 66, the Grand Canyon, Meteor Crater in AZ, Dwight D. Eisenhower Library and Museum, the Salt Flats in Utah, the Petrified Forest, numerous Native American sites, Oregon Trail sites, etc.

After we finished the second trip we looked for a different kind of learning experience. My dad and I backpacked across Europe. We studied the history and visited key places. Although we had to be careful for our own safety, we never missed a chance to help other travelers or local people we met along the way. In France, we met an elderly widow on the train. She was Vietnamese and met her French husband when he was serving in Vietnam. Sadly he died there during the war. We helped her by making some badly needed repairs on her house. She really appreciated it and showed us around Normandy. We became good friends with her and a number of others who I think have a better appreciation for America though us.

I have only wrestled for one year in high school (my Sophomore Year 2013-14) on the JV team at my Florida High School, Joe E. Newsome High, in Lithia. I am a good student, a member of the National Honor Society, an Eagle Scout and at my Florida High School spent two years in FFA and JROTC making the rank of Staff Sergeant.

I have a current 3.6 GPA for this past Quarter and my overall GPA from my combined freshman and sophomore years is 3.32. This year, I am taking three AP courses along with an honors course and two standard courses. I love wrestling and am committed and dedicated to working hard in the upcoming season.

Thank you very much for considering this request. If you need more information, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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