

To Whom it may concern,

Conor Gaines is my nephew. He is an outstanding young man as far as personality, dedication and care and love for his family, friends, and teammates. It has been one of my great joys in life watching and helping mold this young man into a good person and a successful person in our society. When I grew up I had a mom and dad who were consistent and always around. Conor on the other hand has not had the same from his parents. My sister was married for a short time to Conor's dad and had Conor and his brother Bryce. She was soon divorced after a couple of years and Conor's dad disappeared, only to call once or twice a year and maybe send a card. Not much of a father in my book. My sister then moved around a lot and went through abusive relationship after abusive relationship. My brother and I would drive from Eagle Point everyday to check up on our nephews and to make sure they could get to school and get to practice.

My mother finally stepped in and gained custody of them both approximately four years ago. Bryce, Conor's brother, has since graduated Eagle Point High School. In the last year there was a little instability at my mother's household as well. My brother lived there with his three sons and has moved out. My mother got a job as a long haul truck driver. She is now only home 6-10 days a month. To this day I still help Conor with clothes, money, wrestling gear, and attend every meet that I can. Conor has done well in my eyes with the card that he has been dealt. When I heard he was missing some credits for school I was very disappointed but knew it was not entirely his own doing. He has very little support at home. He has to wake himself up for school and feed himself. I am very proud of how well he has handled his situation. I am strongly in favor of him receiving his hardship. His coaches and teammates have been the most consistent family he has had in the last four years. It would be a major disappointment in his final and senior year of high school to not get to participate.

Thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Proud Uncle Don White