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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in reference to Elissa Corrie. Elissa is a sophomore and currently enrolled at Reynolds High School. She is currently academically ineligible as stated by **Rule 8.1.2, Satisfactory Progress Toward Graduation** in the OSAA Handbook and this letter is a request for her to be granted eligibility so that she can participate in basketball at Reynolds High School.

The last two years have been very rough on Elissa. Her family has experienced economic hardships that have created a very unstable home environment for her. Prior to her freshman year at Reynolds, Elissa's family was technically homeless but lived in the Reynolds School District. In the Summer of 2014, they moved to Arizona, thinking that they had a stable place there to live. Elissa enrolled at Apache Trail High School in Arizona but unfortunately, after only a few months her family's living situation deteriorated due to circumstances out of their control and they had to move back to Oregon.

When Elissa's family returned to Oregon, they bounced around homeless shelters and Elissa wasn't even enrolled in school for an extended period of time because her family wasn't sure where to go. Eventually, they were accepted by a homeless shelter in the Reynolds School District and she enrolled at Reynolds High School in February of this year. Since enrolling at Reynolds, Elissa's grades have consistently improved. Her family was recently able to find a permanent house and they are no longer considered homeless, which has been very positive thing for Elissa both academically and socially.

Elissa is now wanting to play basketball at Reynolds. Unfortunately, she is .5 credits short of being on track to graduate as a result of having to leave her high school in Arizona in the middle of her freshman year and only receiving partial credit for her classes. Basketball is a major incentive for Elissa to continue do well in the classroom. It's also a great tool to keep her mind off of the hardships she has experienced at home.

If she were to be granted eligibility to play, her academic progress would be closely monitored by her counselor as well as the athletic department. She is already attending weekly study halls before school and turning in weekly progress reports. She is currently passing all of her classes. If at any point her grades were to be substandard, she would lose her basketball eligibility.

I ask that you please consider and approve Elissa's eligibility for competing in basketball at Reynolds. If you have any questions or need some more information about Elissa, please contact me as soon as possible. Thanks for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

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