

Subject: Jade's Hardship Letter

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing this letter to shed some light on Jade's situation. Jade joined our household in October to escape an abusive and unhealthy living environment where he was exposed to violence and substance abuse on a regular basis. From the time he came to us, we have seen a big improvement in his mood, outlook on life and a desire to set and meet goals that I feel he previously would have dismissed. In talking with Jade, I know that some of his best memories involve sports and other physical activities... most of all wrestling. I know from personal experience sport programs can be a great outlet for struggling teenagers. I would hate if Jade was denied this opportunity when he courageously asked for help.

Thank you,
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(Jade's uncle)
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