

Dear Sir/Madam:

Scott started struggling with school ever since his mother and I got a divorce. I believe it was his way of rebelling against our divorce. Not realizing the damage he was causing to himself by failing Math and Language Arts his freshmen and sophomore year. Scott's junior year he got a rude awakening when his counselor at Eagle Point High School informed him that he needed to pass all of his classes for the next two years or he will not graduate. He started off his junior year passing all of his classes then the second quarter he started to struggle. He failed one more class. It was then he fell into a state of depression because he didn't see any way out so he shut down. It was then he talked to one of the School counselors about going to OYCP (Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge Program). OYCP is a 5 ½ month program that takes in at risk youths that are on the verge of not graduating from High School. During the 5 ½ months , students live at facility while accepting the challenge to try and complete one of the most rigorous and demanding educational programs in the nation in hopes to make up their missing credits so they can graduate with their class at home. Sort of like a long military style summer school. In this program they learn self-discipline, commitment to excellence, follow through, community service, physical development and academic excellence. I'm proud to say my son Scott Martin gave up his entire summer so he could accept the challenge and after 5 ½ months he has graduated from the OYCP program making up a total of 8.5 credits with a GPA of 3.41.

Scott has always wanted to compete in High School sports but due to his grades he has been ineligible. Scott is on track to successfully graduating with his class. Please allow him to compete in High School sports for his senior year.

Sincerely,



David W. Martin

Father of Scott Martin