



# EAGLE POINT HIGH SCHOOL

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Principal: Jenn Whitehead

Midwestern League Committee,

I am applying for a hardship for Scott Martin to begin wrestling for Eagle Point High School. Scott has struggled with grades over the past year or so at EPHS. He and the head coach came to me last winter to ask if he could participate in wrestling under a hardship. I told Scott that I needed to see commitment in his academics before I would file for a hardship. The stipulation at the time was, finish the quarter grading period by passing all classes and we would file for a hardship. Scott ended up not passing 5 classes causing him to be ineligible and then did poorly in the spring quarter as well. Needless to say, I denied the hardship based on performance and lack of commitment to our agreement. Scott also finished the year going into 2015-16 school year as ineligible.

However, Scott and family went into the summer knowing that he was credit deficient and not on track to graduate. So, they made a decision to make things right by applying to the Oregon Youth Challenge Program sponsored by the National Guard. Scott was there from July through part of December. He re-enrolled at EPHS on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2015.

He is a hardship for 2 reasons:

1. OSAA views this as a mid-year transfer
2. Grade and Credit deficient

Now, in the OYCP Scott has completed 10 classes gaining 8.5 credits, and has a GPA of over 3.4. Eagle Point High School has accepted all his credit, classes, and GPA to build his new transcript. Scott currently has 24 credits and only needs Math and Language Arts to graduate on time at EPHS. Attached is the documentation to look at. He is enrolled in a full schedule that meets OSAA requirements and is now on track to graduate.

I am applying for a hardship because Scott and family made a decision to make academics a priority. In essence, Scott turned his life around and realizes the importance of academics and the success he has is based on his education. In my opinion, this was a lot like taking summer school to be eligible for the following school year. What makes this more gratifying is we have an opportunity to grant eligibility to a student who deserves what he earned. I am proud that this student has realized that he needed to make a change and then did the work.

Sincerely,

Matt York  
Athletic Director  
Eagle Point High School