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To: OSAA/District Committee

From: Samuel Malik

I have always known that I would love come to America as an exchange student during my high school years. Thanks to my dad's profession and his relations, I met the Fedor family a few years ago in Slovakia. We became good friends and I really liked the company of their kids. Last time we met was in Summer 2015 and we came up with an idea that it would be great for me to experience the great American culture, learn the different attitudes and most off all – improve my level of English language. Since we knew the Fedors and they generously offered to have me stay with them, we were able to arrange a direct placement through ISE (my exchange company).

I made a lot of friends in South Salem High School and I started to practice tennis after my knee injuries in 2009 (from Soccer). I found out that majority of my friends play tennis too and I think it will be a great experience to be on the tennis team and have fun on the team together. I hope to be an edition to the team and I will do my best to be a good team member. Being on a tennis team played no role in my decision to come here. I only started playing tennis again since I came to Salem, I think that it will be a great experience to be on a team,

Please consider this and allow an exception in your eligibility rules

Sincerely

Samuel Malik