

To whom it may concern,

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My name is Devon Shay, I am currently a senior at vernonia high school. This past year and the beginning of this year I was living with my Grandfather, in Thurston Oregon attending high school there and also participating in football and track and field. My Grandfather, has always been my mentor and my coach throughout both my athletic events I've done growing up. That is why I decided to move in with him and attend school down there. As this past fall was going great playing football for them, my Grandfathers, health condition was getting worse and worse as the weeks went pass. He eventually ended up having open heart surgery which lead him to be in the hospital for several weeks. Fortunately the surgery went well. Once he had came home, although I was extremely happy to see him back and out of the hospital bed, the living situation got tougher for me. I was forced to move into the garage because he needed room for his treatment and doctor visits while he was still recovering. While I was more than happy to give him more room for his treatments, it was extremely tough for me not having the encouragement and constant advice that Roy, my Grandfather and also my mentor was able to give me before his surgery. That is why I decided to move back up with my mom in vernonia. While I am ahead in credits to graduate and my grades are fine I was told I must apply for a hardship to be able to participate in spring sports this year. I have always excelled at track and field and my Grandfather has been calling me everyday giving me workouts, getting ready for this track season as he has been coaching me my whole life. I would love the opportunity to be able to compete this year and hopefully win a state title for my Grandfather and I. I hope you take time to read this over.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Devon Shay

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Devon Shay', with a stylized, flowing script.