

To whom it may concern:

Sonja has been a straight A student her entire middle school years at Poynter Middle school. She was involved with leadership and choir and was a self-manager both years.

Last summer she was recommended to do an environmental science class by her science teacher, which she finished and enjoyed. She currently plans to get straight A's this semester and is even the top of her class currently. She gets her school work done, without fail, and has always put a lot of priority on excellent academics. She refuses to miss school even for her orthodontist appointments!

Her Dad and I divorced fairly recently and last fall I took a job out of state in Florida, at Clearwater Academy. I could only take one child and I took my son. Sonja had been living with her Dad so it seemed it would work alright that I got started in Florida and that they, both she and her Dad, would come join me there after a few months. But what we discovered was that this was very hard on her, because even though she lived mostly with her Dad, I was a big part of her life and she missed me and wanted to come to Florida very much. She was so determined to come. We were trying to use online schooling with K -12, but they were very slow to admit her, even though she had been a student with them in fifth grade. Then once it arrived it was overwhelming for her and her Dad.

Finally she joined me in Florida for all of November and through December to the holidays. She excelled in all her work there, and the staff will concur. But I couldn't afford to pay for her to continue in January because there was no more help with tuition.

I feel very responsible for a major upheaval in her life and wish I had not put her through it. Her Dad and I are now very committed to stay together in the same city and get both kids through high school, in the Hillsboro School district. I also work as a sub in this district and have for three years. (I was only gone four months).

Sonja is not normally trying out for sports and I am exceedingly proud that she has gone out for tennis... normally it's all about academics for her and this is definitely what she needs now to get a more well -rounded education. Learning teamwork and good sportsmanship and building up her strength and stamina are going to help her very much at this time in her life.

Thanks for considering her hardship application. She experienced hardship

of a sort last semester and things were out of her control. In my opinion, she is basically a new freshman in public high school starting in January due to very unusual circumstances stemming from her parents' divorce and my unfortunate move out of state. My apologies.

Sincerely,
Diane Robertson