

ADDITIONAL EARLY GRADUATES

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Dear Mr. Thompson and the Board of Education,

I am writing this letter to inform you of my intent to graduate at semester. I plan on passing all my classes with a C or higher and completing all my assignments until then. I will be using the time after graduating at semester to pursue college at State Fair Community College in Lake Ozark, MO.

Under my circumstances of already living on my own, I have my own bill and am financially always in a bind. I hold two jobs working at Osage National Golf Resort and Applebee's. It is hard holding two jobs, school, and home chores having to be done still. (Calculated of an 8 hour school day, then work every-night plus doubles on the weekends) I still have a clean, great looking transcript with continuous good grades no matter what. I now live in Lake Ozark right down the street from State Fair and the travel to Camdenton every-day is hard on gas, but I know education is important. Since, I live down the street from State Fair; It would be easier financially to start traveling there after semester instead of going to the high school in Camdenton. At second semester, I was intending to do dual credit for English Comp. 102 and College Algebra at the high school, and then had thought on it; I won't be able to pay for either of the classes because my A+ does not kick in until I graduate. I can take both of the classes plus more if I started State Fair the spring semester of 2017.

But, on the more serious side of things not only do I struggle intensively with money, but I have to make sure I cover myself and that I am okay because if I did happen to lose my apartment, I would end up sleeping in my car because I have no place to go. Everything I have is because I've worked hard for it with strong determination to get to be where I want to be one day in life. I am a student who has struggled through her life just trying to make a living and make something of herself. That's all I want, I'm not just trying to get out of school early because I want to, but I need to in order to make sure I stay standing on my own two feet. You may not know me personally and that's okay, but if you ask anyone who has worked with me since I was a freshman they can tell you how great my work ethic is. Don't get me wrong I love school, I really truly do, I planned on going all year until I realized I have to start thinking about what is best for me. When I get scared for myself, I have to act on what I need to do in order to make sure I stay afloat.

I find it to be hard explaining my situation and status through a letter. I'm trying to put my effort forth, but it's in your hands and it's all up to you whether or not you think I will excel after graduating at semester. I am more than willing to have a conference with you to discuss more of my living situation and any questions you may have. I will say that I have already applied at State Fair for second semester with the intentions of eventually getting an associate's of teaching degree then transferring to central Methodist to pursue a master's degree in clinical counseling. I would like to thank you for your time and hope to hear back from you soon.

Sincerely,



HEATHER PHIPPS

Dear Mr. Thompson and the Board of Education,

My name is Kevin Warner and I wish to graduate early for the following reasons, the first being my ever elusive and uncontrollable anxiety attacks. Recently I have gained really bad anxiety attributed by many things, and one of the main culprits is high school and its stressful routine, for my senior year I did not plan to have such a stressful load outside of school. I had noticed to late that I had bitten off more than I could chew. My attendance has been lowering in the most recent weeks on account of my anxiety attacks. When I was at school I talked to Mr. Roettgen about the situation I was in, after having an anxiety attack at school, he allowed me to use the storage room in the guidance office as a way to calm myself from the anxiety and get my thoughts together. This helped get me calmed out, but eventually my anxiety issues would get me to the point of where I did not want to come to school because it was inhibiting my capability to learn. My concentration has been dawdling because of my impending panic attacks causing me to gain a void of the knowledge I have and the knowledge needed for the class.

If I was permitted to graduate early, I would take the opportunity to get ahead in my next step of education by starting college at state fair for a semester. This would allow me to forward my education at my own pace and I can limit the amount of stress and anxiety thrown at me to better my health. I would be truly grateful if I were allowed to do this.

Sincerely, Kevin Warner