

FRONTIER COUNTRY SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

I have played soccer ever since I was a little boy. I was probably around five or six years old. My parents started both my brother and me at that age. I loved playing soccer from the first time I stepped on the field. I'm not one to brag, but I was one of the best kids in my age group in our league when I was little. My brother was also one of the best goalies in our league. I loved just to go out there and just dribble by everyone and go score. It was really fun (well it still is!)

Since I've been playing this sport for almost fourteen years, I would have to say that when I am playing soccer that is when I feel most comfortable. It just feels natural for me out there. I don't have to think that much about my touch, like if I'm going to have a good touch or not. I've had very good coaches throughout my career as a young soccer player. The coach that is coaching me right now has been my coach since under eleven, and I am nineteen now. He is not just my soccer coach; he is my friend. He has helped me in soccer and in life. Throughout my career I have always been on a winning team. I hate to lose! I am very competitive, especially in soccer. I am a very outgoing, sometimes goofy kind of guy. On the field though, I am all business. I am always yelling at people, trying to do everything I can to win. My club soccer team is five time state champions. Four of them were in a row, so out of the last six years; I have been a state champion out of five of them.

Whenever you win your state cup, you get to move on to regionals. There are twelve states in our region. We are region III out of four regions. The regionals are the

most competitive soccer that youths can participate in except for the nationals that in order to get to that you have to win your region tournament. So the top four teams in the nation go to nationals. It's kind of like the final four in college basketball.

Last year after we won state we went to the regionals that were held in North Carolina. We had been to regionals often before but always got our butts whooped. This year was a different story; we were the ones doing the butt whooping. We won the tournament with one minute left to go in the game. We were among the top four teams in the nation and went to nationals, that were held in Washington D.C. to see who was the best. It was said that we were just some "okie dokies" from Oklahoma and that we were the biggest under dogs ever to make it to the final four. No one expected us to make it that far, not even us! There were many college coaches getting a hold of all of us. We were sponsored by local soccer companies to wear their gear during our games. We didn't do very good down there though. We lost by two goals in all three of our games but we were just happy to be there in the spotlight.

All my time goes to school, work, and soccer. If I'm not doing one of those things, it's probably night time and I'm sleeping. Soccer has been my life for a long time, ever since I was little. I love to play the game of soccer. I am hoping that I will get a scholarship from a college to come and play soccer for them. I am going to play soccer in college, I'm just not sure were yet. I want to go play at Oklahoma City University. I'm not putting my sites to high to go on and play professional soccer, but that would be a dream come true.