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Alyson Habetz  
University of Alabama Softball Associate Head Coach  
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Dear Coach Habetz,

My name is Hannah M. Gibbons, and I am a 5'11" sophomore at Waynesburg Central High School (*Class of 2015*), a **4.0 student and in the gifted education program in my district**. I am extremely determined to continue my softball career at the collegiate level as a scholarship player. As a hard-working, competitive, self-driven, goal-oriented, and a responsible student-athlete, my ultimate reward would be to attend University of Alabama as an engineering student and become a future member of the recruiting class of 2015 for the Alabama Women's Softball team.

Enclosed is the completed questionnaire, a copy of my softball profile, summer tournament, recruiting camps and showcase schedule, my current high school transcripts, letter of academic excellence from my science and gifted teacher, and my last PSSA scores, since I haven't taken the ACT or SATs to date. Also enclosed is a recent highlight video from my 2012 varsity high school season, and I will be working on a travel season video and will also have my skills video available in June.

I plan to major in engineering and Alabama has the top accredited engineering programs in the nation that offers many engineering disciplines that I am currently considering as a potential major. I absolutely like the large campus atmosphere and tradition Alabama provides. Alabama is a potential fit for me academically and athletically.

I will be into my second year as a member of the Pittsburgh-area Washington Wildfire travel softball team. This upcoming 2012 travel summer season, I moved up to play in the 16u division and will be a consistent starter playing infield, as I did playing for the U14 team. In both high school and summer travel seasons, I am in the fourth spot in the lineup as the team's leading power hitter. ***My high school and travel coaches have stated that I haven't even come close to reaching my full potential in softball.***

***Crystal Bustos came to our high school in August 2011 for a hitting camp, and after she saw my height, maturity, and power hitting ability, she thought I was a senior.*** I turned 14 years old on August 31, 2011, and I am one day away from being in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. I have already gained considerable exposure playing in national tournaments, attended Division I college prospect camps, and continued to work hard to improve my skills playing at a wide range of positions, including infield, outfield, and pitching.

As a varsity starter and letterman with a successful freshman season, I consider myself to be a talented power hitter, with quick bat speed and an excellent hitter's eye. I'm patient in the batter's box. I have been known to get a hold of one and hit for power, and I did show some of that during my freshman varsity season, where I hit two home runs, one of which was in the WPIAL playoffs!

Midway into my freshman high school season, I began seeking information on my opposing team and their top pitcher via Internet, YouTube videos, and newspaper articles to help me prepare for the types of pitches the pitcher may throw. Additionally, I watched game video footage to help me refine and correct my defensive and offensive game. This pre-game effort has added great value to my success, and I plan to continue with this approach moving forward in my softball career.

*My 2012 freshman year high school stats are listed on [www.maxpreps.com](http://www.maxpreps.com) under Waynesburg Central High School, Waynesburg PA, and I also have profiles on the **BeRecruited** and **NCSA Sports** web sites and plan to have **my skills video available online in June.***

I hope to discuss the opportunities to be a potential candidate within the Alabama softball program in the near future! Please add me to your mailing list to inform me of any elite prospect camps or showcases that you may be scheduling in the future.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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