

- Application for hardship eligibility for Josh Martin
- Parent - Gary Martin

The hardship in Josh's life started when he was taken from his Mom at birth due to drugs, alcohol and violence. He was in foster care for 5 years when we began to foster him. Eventually we adopted him a few years later. When we got him he was on several prescription drugs for anger, rage disorder and depression. Through the years he had variable degrees of success and we began to be hopeful for his future. Athletics and sports were always a part of his success, he built on it. He was injured during 10th grade and could not continue in football that year. He soon fell into a group of friends who shared feelings of alienation. He began using drugs, skipping school and eventually ran away from home, living from house to house. He was expelled by the end of the year but was able to enroll in North Bend as a homeless student. He came back home and Marshfield last year (11th grade) and was sent to a rehab center in Roseburg. He did exceptionally well there, receiving credits, and returned to Marshfield where he got 5 A's, earning all the available credit the 2nd term. He has worked hard all summer, joining the cheer team and football. He has been drug free, physically in great shape and is looking forward to this school year. We believe he is truly on track and

his future looks good. Not being in sports is likely to have a huge impact on him. He is still emotionally fragile and a setback now would be certain to affect him. I would like him to believe that his effort and hard work is recognized. I ask that you allow him a hardship.