



# VALE HIGH SCHOOL



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Mrs. Mary Jo Sharp - Principal

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Mr. Tom Snook - Athletic Director

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Dear Hardship Committee Members:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Emalee Brown, a former student at Vale High School. Emalee came to Vale High School at the beginning of her junior year from a situation where she had recently been homeschooled by her mother on a ranch several miles from Winnemucca. Basically, they lived out in the middle of nowhere which made attending school difficult. I believe Emalee chose to make the move to live with her father because she did not want to be homeschooled; she wanted to participate in a school and school activities. Emalee had to work very hard her junior year to get caught up to become eligible by Vale High School and OSAA standards. Her hard work paid off and she was able to participate in basketball her junior year and even ran for an Associated Student Body office at the end of her junior year....and won! There were times when Emalee's life was rather hectic at home and several times she expressed an interest in giving up and moving back home with her mother. We were always able to convince Emalee to stick it out and stay at Vale High School.

She started her senior year at Vale High School but shortly after the year started, she called her mother in Winnemucca and asked to be moved back home. As stated before, Emalee started the year as an ASB Officer, a position which she was thrilled to hold and was making plans to be a force on the basketball team again this year. I believe her living situation here became too unbearable and she felt she needed to get out of that situation.

I think the mother is making the best decision for Emalee by placing her in another high school instead of trying the homeschool situation again. It is best for Emalee's education to be involved in a high school setting where she can participate in activities and become a thriving member of the school. She is a bright young lady who deserves a shot at not only an education, but of all the activities that are involved with the high school as well. Please consider her a strong candidate for a hardship.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office at Vale High School.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature of Mary Jo Sharp.

Mary Jo Sharp  
Principal