

Transfer student
hardship letter

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My name is Brendan McDonough and I recently moved from San Jose California to Roseburg Oregon. Everyday at school I get to meet new people and they all ask the same question, why Roseburg? I didnt move to be specifically in Roseburg, I moved to be specifically not in San Jose. Dont get me wrong, I love Roseburg but San Jose is a scary place. No matter what neighborhood you live in, there is danger. There are wealthy parts of San Jose and even those places are dangerous. I've been blessed to have two loving parents but even them cant protect me from the detrimental and socially accepted lifestyle.

My school - Pioneer High School - was not a safe place. Students have been stabbed through fences for wearing a blue tee-shirt. Gang violence however was still not the primary reason I relocated. The primary reason was my poor

Doing sports and focussing on my schoolwork are keeping me healthy and helping me along on my journey to one day be truly and purely happy, joyous, and free.

I love Roseburg, this town is my rehabilitation center, and I wouldn't want to heal in any other town, county, city, or state.