

Jonathan Frohreich

"A typical teenager"



Leora Frohreich said her grandson, Jonathan Frohreich is "a typical" teenager, earnest and polite, with good friends, who always helps her with chores.

Frohreich, 18, of Medford, is a recent graduate of South Medford High School and his grandmother said he is hoping to attend a mechanical program run by Boeing, which sponsors the Manufacturing Engineering Technology program at the Oregon Institute of Technology.

She said this was her grandson's second fire after taking a job with Grayback Forestry this summer. The first was in southern Oregon, where he was on a tanker truck spraying water on hot spots.

For that reason, the family always felt that he would be safe.

Frohreich arrived about 4 a.m. Wednesday at the hospital in Davis, Calif.. He was sent immediately to the burn unit, where he was treated for second-degree burns to the face and a fractured lower back.

Frohreich was released from intensive care Thursday and in "good condition," sitting up, watching TV and eating as of Friday, said Carole Gan, spokeswoman for the U.C.-Davis Health Systems. He is expected to be released in the coming days, Gan said.

Leora Frohreich said the accident has convinced her grandson to pursue education beyond high school.