

## *Troy Parke Memorial Scholarship*

This scholarship is in honor of Troy Parke. Troy was born and raised here in Northern California. He attended West Valley High School, where he was the senior class president, played football, and was homecoming king. Troy attended DeVry where he received his BS in Computer Science. Troy, his wife and four children were long time Cottonwood residents. Troy sadly lost his battle to cancer in 2014. "See a Need, Fill a Need" was the creed by which Troy lived. Troy was an amazing husband, father, and community member. He was a pillar of our community and the standard to which all community service should be held. The recipient of this scholarship will be able to meet the standard of good that Troy set. He or she should always be looking to improve the world around them, help their fellow man and fill the needs of those in their community to the best of their ability, just as Troy did each day of his life.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Applicant must be graduating high school student.
2. Applicant must reside in the Cottonwood/Happy Valley communities.
3. Applicant must have performed 50% of their community service in Cottonwood/Happy Valley.

**How to Apply:** A written essay must be submitted to the scholarship committee no later than April 30 of the year applying. Please submit a typed, double spaced essay of 500 words or more answering the following questions:

1. What does the spirit of community service mean to you?
2. What capacity have you served the Cottonwood community and how do you plan to in the future?
3. How do you feel your community service has benefitted our community?
4. What have you learned, personally, from your community service? How have your experiences affected your view?
5. How can you personally inspire more people to have a spirit of community service?

Please include your name, address, age, school and contact email. Also, include a letter of reference and a short bio, along with your needs for the scholarship (what kind of scholarship help you may need)

**Scholarship Award:** The Scholarship money will be awarded once all essays have been reviewed and evaluated by the committee.