

## **Mark Hargrove Memorial Scholarship**

**(1964 – 2021)**

Scholarship Due Date: May 1, 2024

Scholarship Amount: \$500.00

**Mark Hargrove** was a dedicated, driven, humble man with an unfailing heart for service. Mark was a lifelong resident of Chino, California. He attended Richard Gird Elementary School, Magnolia Junior High School, and was a 1982 graduate of Chino High School. After graduating from Chino High School, he began his first act of service by serving his country. Mark enlisted in the United States Air Force from 1983 – 1987, where he achieved the rank of Sergeant. Upon leaving the military, he went on to serve his state through the California Department of Corrections. Mark worked diligently for the Department of Corrections for 30 years, 20 of which were spent at the California Institute for Men in Chino. After retiring from CIM, as a Lieutenant, Mark continued with his love for service in his community. Mark Hargrove began as a member of Planning Commission for The City of Chino, and in 2018 he was elected as a City Council Member for District 2, on the City of Chino City Council. Mark dedicated his life to serving others. He always approached situations with a solution and worked with others to make the best out of any situation.

Those that knew Mark Hargrove knew that while he had a passion to serve, his greatest passion was being an advocate for youth sports, particularly those at Chino High School. He found many ways to serve the school throughout his life, and the driving factor behind his dedication to the sports programs were his kids. He wanted to ensure that his kids, and those who also attended Chino High School, were given all that they needed to be successful. He began his volunteering service as a coach with youth sports in Chino, through programs like AYSO, Girls Fastpitch, Chino American Little League, and Chino Pop Warner. Once his children started high school, he started volunteering for the band boosters and eventually sports boosters. He soon became President of the Chino Sports Boosters and later founded The Chino Boys Basketball Boosters. He used his resources to get gym repairs when needed, and even used his position at CIM to have brand new lockers built for the Chino High School Gymnasium, through a joint program the prison provides. Through his passion with youth sports, Mark was able to become a mentor, leader, and friend to so many people in the Chino community.

Above all else, Mark Hargrove was a man of faith integrity. He raised his family in the church and instilled a belief in God and an act for undying service for others the way Jesus serves us.

- He believed in Jesus Christ as his Savior and looked to him for guidance.
- He believed in serving others with an open mind and heart.
- He was a firm believer in education and being a lifelong learner.
- He was a family man who knew the importance of being an active participant in his family's lives.
- He believed every student could be successful.
- He was a great mentor.
- He was a funny and charismatic man.
- He was a humble servant at all levels: country, state, & community.
- He loved sports.
- He was an advocate for our city's youth.
- He loved attending Chino High School sporting events of all kinds, especially Basketball.
- He was an incredible man, who loved fiercely, gave deeply, and truly made a difference!

**“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of other.” – Mahatma Gandhi**

## Mark Hargrove Memorial Scholarship Fund

**\$500.00**

### Criteria:

1. Chino High School Senior, accepted to any 2 or 4 year college (will consider Trade School)
2. Going into a service-oriented profession such as teaching, nursing, criminal justice, etc. (will consider if career is still undecided)
3. Improved GPA over the course of time, cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 (please attach transcript)
4. Involvement in an extracurricular activity, particularly one the required teamwork
5. One teacher recommendation (please fill out the attached form)
6. Respond to the three short answer questions below
7. Please include a cover page with your name & contact information, your responses to the 3 questions, and your completed teacher recommendation form.
8. **DUE MAY 1, 2024**

### Questions:

Please take the time to respond to all three of the questions below in at least one paragraph each, in a way that you feel best describes yourself and your goals. We are ultimately looking for a student candidate to receive this scholarship that posses many of the same qualities Mark Hargrove had, so please make sure to read about him well before responding. Please incorporate as much information as you can about yourself when answering these questions so we can get to know you better!

1. Where do you see yourself in 5 years? What do you think it will take you to achieve your goals? (ie. Education, finances, work experience, volunteer work, etc.)
  - What professional field are you interested in?
  - What college do you plan on attending?
  - What steps will you take to achieve your goals in the future?
2. What extracurricular activities have you been involved in during high school? How did participating in this extracurricular activity benefit you or shape you into the person you are? What skills did you learn during these activities that you can carry with you into your future?
  - Team sports?
  - Volunteer work?
  - Clubs?
3. Who is one person in your life that inspires/inspired you and why?
  - A family member, coach, friend, teacher, etc.
  - What values, lessons, skills, etc. did they teach you or instill in you?

