

THE GORDON J. SPYKMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name of Applicant _____ Student I.D. # _____
Last First M.I.

A. Background Information.

The family of Gordon J. Spykman established this scholarship (*two @ \$1,600.00 approx.*) to honor the life, work, and convictions of their dear husband, brother, and father. The Gordon J. Spykman Memorial Scholarship encourages students to explore the implications of Jesus Christ's claim on every square inch of creation, on all spheres of life.

Recipients will be religion majors or minors who demonstrate an interest in the reformational worldview that Spykman articulated in his writings and in courses at Calvin College during his 32-year teaching career.

B. Candidates for the scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a current Calvin student planning to enroll at Calvin College full-time the following year.
2. Be entering the junior or senior year.
3. Be pursuing a major or minor in Religion.
4. Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
5. Have an interest in a reformational worldview as expressed in a paper written as part of the application for the scholarship. This paper should be a brief one or two page statement of a world and life view as taught at Calvin College.
6. Although financial need as defined by government programs is not required, there should be some evidence that the scholarship is needed to help meet educational expenses.

C. Basic Qualification Questions

1. Are you a current Calvin student planning to enroll next year? Yes No
2. Which year of your program will you be entering next year? Junior or Senior
3. Are you pursuing a major or minor in Religion? Yes No
4. Your advisor for your major or minor in Religion is _____
5. Cumulative G.P.A. _____

D. In order to comply with the intent of this scholarship as expressed in the background information above and to fulfill the requirement of criterion B.5 above, a written "essay" must accompany this application form.

E. In addition to this application form and your essay, you must complete Part I of both recommendation forms attached. Part II of the recommendation form should be completed by a professor who had you as a student. **IMPORTANT: At least one recommendation must be written by a full-time professor in the Religion Dept. (Profs. Crump, DeGroot, Griffioen, Harlow, Lee, Lundberg, Madison, McDonald, Obenchain, Plantinga, Pomykala, Schneider, Smit, Thompson, Whitekettle)**

F. Note: Separate applications and letters of recommendation are needed for each scholarship. Professors writing recommendations may use photocopies for multiple use.

Deadline

All forms must be received in the Religion Department by Monday-March 2, 2009. We reserve the right to reject applications after that date. Applicants will be notified by May 1, 2009, of their success in obtaining a scholarship.

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SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

PART I - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

Candidate's Name _____ Student I.D.# _____

Current Address _____

Class Level Next Year _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Name of professor who will complete this recommendation form: _____

Right of Privacy: According to law, you have the right to examine any document in your file. Failure to waive this right will not be prejudicial to you. If you wish to waive the right to review this form, you should sign below.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

PART II - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PROFESSOR

The following form is to be used in recommending a student for the Gordon J. Spykman Memorial Scholarship. If you prefer to write a letter, please attach your signed letter to the form. Note that a statement has been included in Part I above giving the student the option of waiving his/her right to review this form after it has been submitted.

How long have you known the candidate?

What is the basis for your knowledge of the candidate? ____ Teacher ____ Counselor ____ Academic Advisor

In what courses were you the candidate's teacher?

Do you feel qualified to judge the merits of the candidate? _____ If not, you need not continue. Please advise the candidate that you cannot complete this recommendation. Thank you.

Since the recipient of the above scholarship will be selected on the basis of his/her reformational worldview, please comment on:

a) Theological sensitivity and insight: _____

b) Christian character and commitment: _____

Professor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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