

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 (*one @ \$2,300.00 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. _____

I verify that my answers to these questions are true and that I am qualified for this scholarship.

Signature

Date

- 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 signed **application form** and your **application essay**, both of which should be submitted in printed form, you also need **two recommendations** from professors or other qualified persons who know you as a student and person. The recommendation form is available electronically on the Religion Department website (the same place where you downloaded this form). The preferred approach is for you to fill out Part I of the form electronically, save the file, and then email it to your recommenders. They can then fill out their portion of the form electronically and email it directly back to the Religion Department (lgeelho@calvin.edu). Alternatively, you can print the form, fill out Part I, and then send the printed copy to your recommenders, who should mail the form directly back to the Religion Department at Calvin.
- Note: At least one recommendation should be written by a professor in the Religion Dept.**
(i.e., Crump, DeGroot, Griffioen, Harlow, Lee, Lundberg, Madison, McDonald, Obenchain, Plantinga, Pomykala, Smit, Thompson, or Whitekettle).
- F. Separate application forms and essays are needed for each scholarship for which you apply. However, your recommenders only need to fill out *one* recommendation form, which will cover all of the scholarships for which you apply. Make sure you indicate which awards you are applying for on the recommendation form.

Deadline

All forms must be received in the Religion Department by THURSDAY - MARCH 1, 2012. We reserve the right to reject applications after that date. Applicants will be notified by May 1, 2012, of their success in obtaining a scholarship.