

THE SPOTSYLVANIANS

The Spotsylvanians Chorus
Robert E. Estes
Memorial College Scholarship Program
www.spotsylvanians.org

The Spotsylvanians were founded in December 2002 by Mr. Robert E. Estes, a music teacher in Connecticut public schools for 33 years. After retiring in 1985, Mr. Estes founded Durham Chorale in Durham, North Carolina, which he conducted for 15 years prior to his move to Spotsylvania County, Virginia. *The Spotsylvanians'* first concert was at the Courtland High School graduation ceremony in June 2003. Since then, the chorus has continued to perform concerts for the Rappahannock-area community, providing affordable, quality musical entertainment that enlightens, educates and acquaints the community with the history and variety of choral music. This scholarship is in memory of the legacy left by Mr. Estes.

The Spotsylvanians will award two college-bound high school seniors with a one-time scholarship. The award amounts are \$1,500 to a graduating senior who is a current member of *The Spotsylvanians*; and \$500 to a graduating senior residing in Spotsylvania County. Students may be attending public, private or home schools; however, applicants must be planning to pursue further education in the many fields of music. The scholarship is competitive.

The award is decided by a committee of members of the chorus and is based on the student's responses to the questions included in the application. Grammar, spelling and presentation are considered, in addition to the answers to the questions. There is the possibility that the committee may decide to personally interview the finalists.

All applications and supporting materials are accepted January 1st through March; but must be postmarked no later than March 31. If the application is not complete or if any supporting documentation is missing, the student may be disqualified. The award is announced each year in late April. It is expected that the winner will attend *The Spotsylvanians'* spring concert to publicly receive the award and may be invited to perform a selection at the concert.

Robert E. Estes Memorial Scholarship Application

Part I: Personal Information

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

ZIP: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone : _____ Email : _____

Gender: Male () Female ()

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes () No ()

Current high school attending: _____

Date of anticipated graduation: _____

List the colleges or universities to which you have applied below. Have you received an acceptance letter? (Please circle Y or N)

_____	Y	N
_____	Y	N
_____	Y	N
_____	Y	N

Which college/university will you most likely attend? _____

Date you expect to begin attending: _____

What are your plans for an education in music? (Use separate sheet if necessary)

Part II: General Background

STUDENT WORK EXPERIENCE:

EMPLOYER	DATES:	SCHOOL YR	SUMMER JOB
_____	_____	Hrs per week _____	Hrs per week _____
_____	_____	Hrs per week _____	Hrs per week _____
_____	_____	Hrs per week _____	Hrs per week _____

MUSIC BACKGROUND: List your music lessons and music activities in and out of school. Include the years of participation. (Use separate sheet if necessary)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: List all the community activities in which you have been involved. These might include Church, non-school organizations, scouting, theatre or dance groups.

LIST ALL SPECIAL AWARDS, HONORS, RECOGNITIONS, AND ANY OFFICES HELD:

Part IV: Application Requirements

ESSAY: ON A SEPARATE SHEET, write what music means to you and how you hope to use music to benefit other people. Essay should not exceed one (1) page, double spaced.

CHECKLIST: ITEMS TO ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION:

- () An Essay regarding what music means to you and how you hope to use music To benefit other people. Essay should not exceed one (1) page, double spaced.
- () One letter of recommendation – preferably from someone who can speak to your musicality
- () Your Resume: Not to exceed one (1) page, double spaced.
- () Current school transcript

NOTE: All the information included on this form and the attachments are true, correct and complete. Verification may be obtained for any source.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

SEND: Completed Application, supporting documents and other check-list items to:

spotsylvanians@gmail.com

SUBJECT: COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

All entries due **No Later Than** 10pm, March 31.