



THE REGIONAL CENTER FOR PHILANTHROPY

is pleased to announce

The Founders' Fund of the Beryl Spector Scholarship Fund

The Community Foundation

The Community Foundation for the Capital Region is an independent, non-profit, publicly supported, tax-exempt organization founded in 1968 to meet the existing and future needs of the Capital Area's educational, health, cultural, civic and charitable organizations. The Community Foundation's scope goes beyond social service and welfare; its purpose is to improve the overall quality of life in the Capital Region.

The Community Foundation administers a variety of charitable funds. Recognizing the importance of scholarships, the Foundation is pleased to administer The Founders' Fund of the Beryl Spector Scholarship Fund, described below:

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The Beryl Spector Scholarship is awarded annually to a student or students who are residents of New York State and who are or will be enrolled full-time in a college or university located within New York in a communications-related field of study.

Beryl Ruth Stern Spector, who died on New Year's Eve preceding 1987, had for years been a media presence in the area — "a respected and well-loved fixture in our firmament," as *Times Union* columnist Fred LeBrun put it on an anniversary of her death in a horrific hotel fire while she was vacationing in Puerto Rico.

A long-time member of the press club and prominent public relations professional, Beryl was a devoted member of the club's scholarship committee for many years. This scholarship originated when the WPC was founded in 1966, but was renamed in her honor after her death.

She was best known as the manager of public information at WMHT, starting with the PBS affiliate in 1976. Before that, she had served for five years as public relations director of the Harmanus Bleeker Library in Albany, and had also worked for the state Commission on Cable Television.

The spirit of public service was so much in her blood that, when she left WMHT in 1986 for a promotion at New Hampshire Public Television, she said: "I have mixed emotions (about leaving). I love WMHT. I think public broadcasting is very important. I would not leave public broadcasting."

In 1985, Beryl was elected president of Broadcast Promotion and Marketing Executives, becoming the first public broadcasting representative to head the international professional association. Prior to that, she was on the BPME board for seven years.

Among other public service contributions, she was on the Public Information Advisory Council for PBS for three years, chairing the group in 1982-83, and served in three-year term on the Statewide Decentralized Panel for the New York State Council on the Arts.

Beryl Spector was a "bright, creative, terrific person," declared LeBrun, "and ought to be still with us."

Eligibility Requirements

Each scholarship applicant must be a resident of the State of New York who is either (1) a graduating high school senior or (2) a matriculated, i.e., continuing, already-enrolled, college student who is pursuing a communications-related field of study at either a two-year or four-year college or university located in the State of New York. In addition, applicants need to demonstrate:

- Clear career goals;
- Academic achievement;
- Leadership skills; and
- Financial need.

Selection Process

1. All scholarship applications must be completed in full and submitted to The Founders' Fund of the Beryl Spector Scholarship Fund (see address below) with a postmark of **March 1, 2007** or earlier.
2. A committee formed by the Women's Press Club of New York State will review all complete applications and determine the winner.
3. The scholarship recipient will receive a phone call on or before **April 20, 2007** announcing that she/he has won the award.
4. By tradition, the scholarship winner typically is invited to attend the Women's Press Club of New York State's Annual Meeting, held according to the Club's by-laws in May.

Scholarship Fund Disbursement

A \$1,000 scholarship will be made payable to the recipient's college or university and disbursed during the 2007-08 academic year. The funds may cover tuition and fees, books, instructional supplies, or living expenses.

Application Procedures

This announcement invites all eligible students to apply:

1. For Part I of the attached application, please type or print all responses.
2. For Part II, applicants should limit their response to 500 words; the original essay should be typed and double-spaced, with the applicant's appearing on each page.
3. In addition to Parts I and II, applicants should assemble the following additional information:
 - An academic transcript, from the first year of high school to the date of application, appropriately certified by the proper school authority in a sealed envelope. This transcript should show courses taken, grades received, and the rank of the applicant in the class. Regents marks should be provided when available, as well as the student's ACT and/or SAT scores. Applicants who are already enrolled in college should submit both high school and college transcripts.
 - A copy of the letter of acceptance from the applicant's college or university should be submitted with the application if possible, or immediately upon receipt of such acceptance. In addition, an official verification of registration will be required before the scholarship award will be made.
 - Two letters of endorsement from persons, other than family, who have had an opportunity to personally observe the applicant and who can comment on character, industriousness and purposefulness of the applicant must be submitted directly to the Scholarship Committee of the Foundation by the persons writing the letters by the application deadline date.
4. The application packet, including Parts I, II, and all supporting documents outlined in item 3 above, must be completed in full and submitted by **March 1, 2007**. The Scholarship Committee will not review incomplete applications.
5. Completed applications should be submitted to:

The Founders' Fund of the Beryl Spector Scholarship Fund
Women's Press Club of New York State, Inc.
P.O. Box 13493
Albany, NY 12212-3493

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Application Form

PART I

Personal/Educational Information

Student's Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: _____ Telephone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Have filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid known as the FAFSA? yes no
Date submitted: _____

High school(s) attended (ninth through twelfth grades):

Name of School	Date of Entrance	Grades Attended
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Date of Graduation: _____ Rank in Class: _____ Total # in Class: _____

List of accredited colleges or universities applicant has applied to or been accepted into, in order of preference. If enrolled at a specific college or university, please list that institution.

Name of College or University	City and State
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Course of study applicant will pursue: _____

Applicant Activity Profile - Participation in extracurricular or school activities indicating year(s) involved and offices held

Honors and awards (include special distinctions earned, school or civic):

Civic activities (i.e., member in Boy Scouts, Junior Achievement, etc., and/or religious or community activities that demonstrate a commitment to humanity):

Leadership activities (school or civic offices held and/or special achievements):

Employment/self-employment activities:

1.	_____	_____	_____
	Name of Employer	Employment Dates	Job Title
	Duties - Describe: _____		

2.	_____	_____	_____
	Name of Employer	Employment Dates	Job Title
	Duties - Describe: _____		

3.	_____	_____	_____
	Name of Employer	Employment Dates	Job Title
	Duties - Describe: _____		

PART II

In approximately 500 words, please describe the area or emphasis in communications that you wish to pursue; then explain why you are attracted to the field generally, and your area of interest specifically. Please type your entry, double-spaced, and include it with your application packet (see "Application Procedures").

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____