2007 APPLICATION

BE A KING SCHOLARSHIP
IN HONOR OF CORETTA SCOTT KING

Spelman College
The Be A King Scholarship in Honor of Coretta Scott King

The Be A King Scholarship In Honor of Coretta King provides financial assistance to deserving students with financial need who demonstrate a commitment to civic engagement, community service and volunteerism. Spelman alumna, Elder Bernice A. King, C’85, established this scholarship endowment at Spelman College in memory of her mother, the late Coretta Scott King, the founding president of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

Coretta Scott King was one of the world’s most influential women leaders. Prepared by her family, education, and personality for a life committed to social justice and peace, she entered the world stage in 1955 as wife of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and as a leading participant in the American Civil Rights Movement. Her remarkable partnership with Dr. King resulted not only in four talented children, but in a life devoted to the highest values of human dignity in service to social change. Mrs. King traveled throughout the nation and world speaking out on behalf of racial and economic justice, women's and children's rights, gay and lesbian dignity, religious freedom, the needs of the poor and homeless, full-employment, health care, educational opportunities, nuclear disarmament and ecological sanity. In her distinguished and productive career, she supported democracy movements world-wide and served as a consultant to many world leaders, including Corazon Aquino, Kenneth Kaunda, and Nelson Mandela.

Coretta Scott King carried the message of nonviolence and the dream of the beloved community to almost every corner of our nation and globe. She led goodwill missions to many countries in Africa, Latin America, Europe and Asia. She spoke at many of history's most massive peace and justice rallies. She served as a Women's Strike for Peace delegate to the seventeen-nation Disarmament Conference in Geneva, Switzerland in 1962. She was the first woman to deliver the class day address at Harvard, and the first woman to preach at a statutory service at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.
2007 Award for Be A King Scholarship in Honor of Coretta Scott King

Application Requirements

1. A completed application form.

2. Candidates must submit two (2) recommendations.

3. Candidates must complete an essay addressing each topic below. The essay must be a minimum of two pages and typed double spaced.
   a. What would you like your legacy to be and why?
   b. Respond to the following: “Be ashamed to die, until you have won some victory for humanity”--Horace Mann,
   c. What was one of Coretta Scott King’s greatest contributions to humanity?

4. Candidate must be a rising senior (2007-2008) majoring in Psychology, Music or Education. Candidate must also be Pell Grant eligible. Preference will be given to students that display characteristics of leadership and participate in civic activities, community service, church or college ministry activities and volunteerism.

5. Recipients must agree to volunteer with the Cancer Walk in honor of the late Coretta Scott King.

6. Recipients are expected to write a letter of appreciation to Elder King upon receipt for scholarship.

Explicit compliance with the application requirements as outlined above is required. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered. To be considered, applicants must forward the essay and all supporting materials in a complete package postmarked or received no later than Friday, June 8, 2007 to:

Spelman College
Rosa McQuay, Box 226
Packard Hall
350 Spelman Lane, SW
Atlanta, GA 30314
APPLICATION FORM

Directions: Please complete the application and return it with the required supporting materials to:

Spelman College
Office of Student Financial Services
Be A King Scholarship
350 Spelman Lane, SW, Box 226
Atlanta, GA  30314

Or fax to Rosa McQuay at 404-270-5220.

APPLICATION DEADLINE – FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2007. Applications received after the deadline of Friday, June 8, 2007 will not be accepted.

Name ________________________________________________________________

Residential Hall/Off Campus Address ______________________________________

Permanent Home Address ________________________________________________

Telephone ___________________________ Email ________________________________

Date of Birth _________________________  Spelman ID Number __________________

Expected Date of Graduation ______________________________________________
Activities

Please list, in chronological order, extracurricular collegiate and/or volunteer community activities.

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Biography

On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a one or two page typewritten biography. Please include information on your background, personal philosophy and career goals.

Letter of Recommendation

A general letter of recommendation must be submitted by two college faculty members. The faculty members providing the recommendations can email the letter of recommendation from their personal email account to rmcquay@spelman.edu.

Please list the faculty members you have asked to provide a recommendation letter:

Name ________________________________________________________________
Department __________________________________________________________
Telephone ___________________________ E-mail __________________________

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Department __________________________________________________________
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I affirm that all information on this application form is true and accurate.

Applicant’s Signature ____________________________________________ Date _____________________