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| Chris “Spey” VanSpeybroeckMemorial Scholarship Application **APPLICATION FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2014 GRADUATES APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2014** | | | | | | |
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| School Name |  | Office Phone Number | | |
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| I VERIFY THAT THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT. I understand and agree that if I am awarded a scholarship, the Chris “SPEY” VanSpeybroeck Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee may release my name and photo to the public. | | | | |
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| Student Signature | | |  | Date |

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| Chris “Spey” VanSpeybroeckMemorial Scholarship Application **Pledge Form**  Each year, Meningococcal Disease strikes nearly 1,500 Americans and 11% of those infected will die. Vaccination is the best protection against the disease.  By signing this form, I hereby pledge to follow the vaccination recommendation put forth by the Centers for Disease Control outlined here: *The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends vaccination for all 11-12 year olds, with a booster dose at age 16. For those who receive the first dose at 13 through 15 years of age, a booster is recommended at 16 through 18. CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) suggests that adolescents receive the vaccine less than five years before starting college.*  I also pledge to educate my family and friends on the signs and symptoms of Meningococcal Disease and encourage them to follow the vaccination guidelines.  In this effort, I hope to reduce the number of young lives taken by this disease. | | |
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| Student Signature |  | Date |

# Chris “Spey” VanSpeybroeck

# Memorial Scholarship Application

**2013-2014 Writing Topic: “The Importance of Family & Friends”**

In 500 words or less, explain the significance of family and friends in your own life. You may focus on one or both groups and may choose to write about one individual or many. Writing will be judged according to the following criteria:

Focus (25%)

Style & Mechanics (25%)

Creativity & Originality (50%)

**Submitting your Application**

Please complete and attach Pages 1 & 2 of this form along with your writing submission (Word Document or PDF format preferred) and email to **speymemorial@gmail.com**

**Scholarship Details**

The Chris “SPEY” VanSpeybroeck Memorial Fund Scholarship Committee recognizes the impact that Meningitis can have on young adults and their families. Through the generosity of sponsors and other contributions to this memorial fund, the Committee is pleased to offer a **$500** scholarship to **one** **graduating student** from each of the following schools:

* Alleman High School
* Geneseo High School
* Moline High School
* Rock Island High School
* United Township High School

**Eligibility**

* Student must attend one of the eligible high schools at time of application submission
* Student must have an anticipated graduation date of Spring 2014
* Student must submit completed application form (Page 1), pledge form (Page 2) as well as written submission on the assigned topic
* If selected for a scholarship, student must possess and be able to show proof of a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or higher at time of selection.

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**Recipient Selection Process**

Scholarship awards are determined at the sole discretion of the Committee. Students who meet the defined eligibility requirements will be considered for the scholarship. Writing submissions will be judged by the Committee according to the defined criteria. Students will be judged against other applicants from the same high school. Winning recipients will be notified in writing.

**Committee’s Mission**

The Committee’s goal is to increase awareness of Meningococcal Disease (signs, symptoms and how it is spread) and promote immunizations to prevent the majority of Meningococcal Disease. Chris VanSpeybroeck, for whom this scholarship award is named, passed away on 11/09/09 due to Bacterial Meningitis. He had flu-like symptoms the night before and went to the hospital the next morning; he was gone by that evening. It is the Committee’s belief that vaccination and knowledge of this disease will help reduce the loss of other young lives.

**Disease Facts**

* Each year, Meningococcal Disease strikes nearly 1,500 Americans; 11% of those infected will die.
* The disease can take one of two forms – swelling of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord (Meningococcal Meningitis), or the more deadly Meningococcemia, in infection of the blood.
* Meningococcal Disease is caused by bacteria called Neisseria Meningitidis.
* Vaccination offers the best protection against the disease.
* Vaccination protects against four of the five major strains of the bacteria responsible for Meningococcal Disease in the U.S.
* The majority of cases in adolescents and young adults are vaccine-preventable.

**Immunization Information**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends vaccination for all 11-12 year olds, with a booster dose at age 16. For those who receive the first dose at 13 through 15 years of age, a booster is recommended at 16 through 18. CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) suggests that adolescents receive the vaccine less than five years before starting college.

**Informational Websites**

Chris “Spey” VanSpeybroeck Memorial Scholarship Fund Website – **http://speymemorial.weebly.com**

National Meningitis Association – **www.nmaus.org**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – **www.cdc.gov**

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases – **www.nfid.org**