

# Kitty Viscardi Memorial Award Application

*The Kitty Viscardi Memorial Award is presented annually to a graduating senior who has been an active member of the SHS Speech & Debate Team during high school. Kitty Viscardi, who passed away in 2005, was the Speech & Debate Team coach at SHS for many years. She believed that participating in Speech & Debate made all her students winners, regardless of any trophies they brought home from a given tournament. One of her favorite expressions at the end of a competition was, "You were all winners the moment you stepped on that bus this morning." The Kitty Viscardi Memorial Award seeks to honor a student whose involvement on the team embodies Mrs. V's dedication as well as her conviction that the greatest rewards come from simply participating. Applicants must be planning to attend a two or four year accredited college or university.*

## **Application Instructions:**

So that the award review committee can evaluate applicants objectively, applications will be reviewed anonymously. Before you apply, please email Ms. Manos ([manosclark@verizon.net](mailto:manosclark@verizon.net)) to submit your contact information and receive an application number. You will use this application number instead of your name on all pages of your application.

Please TYPE your application. Double-space your responses. Include your application number on the top of each page. Do NOT include your name on any portion of your application. Applications that do not meet the criteria or that do not have an application number may not be considered.

### **I. Respond briefly to each of the following (3-5 sentences each):**

1. Tell us what college you plan (hope) to attend and what your intended major is. What are your hopes and dreams for after college?
2. What have you gained from your participation in Speech and Debate?
3. How have you contributed to the Speech and Debate team?

### **II. Write a short essay (3-5 paragraphs) to explain how you have exemplified Mrs. Viscardi's philosophy ("You were all winners the moment you stepped on that bus this morning.") as a member of the Shrewsbury Speech & Debate Team.**

### **III. Please also include with your application:**

- A list of your speech accomplishments, including offices held, awards earned, and national tournaments for which you qualified. Include any speech activities you have done outside of SHS (such as summer programs) as well.
- The name, email address, and home address of a **current** Shrewsbury Speech & Debate teammate who has agreed to respond to a peer reference in support of your application. (We will contact him/her directly to complete the peer reference; please ask your friend to serve as your peer reference before sending us his/her name and contact information.)

Please type all your responses, save as a PDF, and email your completed application to: Christina Manos at [manosclark@verizon.net](mailto:manosclark@verizon.net). If you prefer to mail a hard copy, send it to me at:

Christina Manos, 7 Shirley Rd, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. ***Hard copies of applications must be postmarked by March 15<sup>th</sup>***. Contact Ms. Manos if you have any questions ([manosclark@verizon.net](mailto:manosclark@verizon.net) OR [cmanos@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:cmanos@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)).

The Kitty Viscardi Memorial Award will be presented at the SHS Alumni Association Scholarship Presentation in May. The award recipient will be notified by mail on or around April 22<sup>nd</sup>.