



Commencement Student Speaker Application

2020 Commencement Student Speaker

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be a senior.
- Applicants must be in good academic and disciplinary standing.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate active participation in co-curricular activities.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate personal accomplishments, including community service and/or leadership.

Due:

Return all application materials to Student Activities no later than 3:45pm, Monday, March 30, 2020

Application Materials:

1. Completed application form, including community service activity form and leadership activity form.
2. Typed manuscript of the three to five minute "Scriptor" or "Gubernator" speech.
3. Video recording of your speech

Partial applications will not be considered

Traditionally, there have been two three-five minute student speeches at Adlai E. Stevenson High School's commencement ceremony:

The "Scriptor" speech. The purpose of this speech is to give the graduating seniors the opportunity to look back at their years of education up to their graduation. Reflections on the experiences of students from kindergarten through high school, common experiences, and life lessons are typically mentioned in this speech.

The "Gubernator" speech. The purpose of this speech is to give graduating seniors the opportunity to look ahead. This forward looking speech focuses on the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Selection Process:

1. The Director of Student Activities facilitates the selection process.
2. The Student Commencement Speaker Advisory Board is composed of faculty members and two members of the Class of 2020; students *not* applying for this honor.
3. The Advisory Board reviews all applications and selects finalists. Finalists interview and are asked to present their address as they would at the Commencement Ceremony.
4. Final recommendations will be made by mid-May.
5. Students agree to practice the speech with speech teachers during the last weeks of May.
6. Final speeches will be delivered to the Administrative Team for final review and revision during the last week of May.
7. The final revised manuscript is due to the Principal three days before graduation.

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Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Which speech would you like to give? _____

What is the YouTube link to your video recording: _____

Please attach the following application materials to this form:

1. **Narrative Essay** (*Not to exceed three typed pages*)

1. Describe why you want to be the 2020 Student Commencement Speaker.
2. In what ways have your leadership contributions or general campus involvement strengthened the Stevenson High School community, aided in the creation of a positive school environment, or bettered the high school experience for your fellow students?
3. Why do you feel you are the best representative of the graduating class of 2020?

2. **Written Draft of Your Proposed Commencement Address**

When read, this address should not exceed five minutes in length.

3. **Service and Leadership Resume**

Resumes should include dates associated with each experience and describe the following:

1. Elected or appointed leadership positions with your areas of responsibilities, accomplishments, and/or skills acquired
2. Organizations, committees, or boards for which you hold or have held membership with during your four years at Stevenson and any details of your work with these groups
3. Scholarships, honors, awards, or special recognition

4. **Faculty Character Rating (not attached)**

Upon submission of your application an email will be generated to the faculty and staff. Each individual has an opportunity to provide feedback related to your academic performance, co-curricular involvement and character. By completing this application you waive all rights to review any comments and ratings.

Applicant Signature

I certify that information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand all steps of the application procedure. I acknowledge that any inaccurate or misleading information will jeopardize my chance to speak at graduation.

Applicant's Signature