

Jamestown High School 2019 Graduation Speaker Application

Any graduating senior may apply to present one of two speeches during graduation. In order to apply, please follow the directions below.

Using your best writing ability, please write an explanation of 250 words or fewer about why you should be chosen to represent your class as a speaker at graduation. Be sure to include the topic of your proposed talk, as well as a title that you potentially wish to use. Please note that you are not to write the speech itself, *just a description* of your proposed topic. Your essay needs to explain the rationale behind the topic that you chose and its relevancy to your peers and the audience. Write or type your essay on a separate paper. Be sure to attach this form to your essay when you submit it.

Your essay will be reviewed by a panel of staff and seniors and will be judged according to...

- Originality
- Diverse appeal
- Relevancy of message
- Motivation for speaking

If selected to be a finalist, you will be contacted for an interview with the committee to discuss further your interest in being a speaker at graduation. This interview will be mandatory, and students unwilling or unable to be interviewed on that afternoon will not be selected to present graduation speeches. Interviews will occur after school during the first week of May.

Additionally, please note that submission of your application constitutes your understanding that students who are ultimately selected as graduation speakers will work over the course of several weeks with the school's speech editor and delivery coach.

Make sure to turn in your essay, attached to this form, to Mrs. Miller in the Main Office of Jamestown High School no later than 2:30 P.M. on Monday, April 29, 2019.

Please sign below to acknowledge your understanding of all of the above information.

Student's Printed Name _____

Student's Signature _____

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Date and Time Received in the Main Office: _____