

Indiana State University
COMMENCEMENT
SPEAKER APPLICANT
GUIDELINES
Spring 2021

General Guidelines:

You will want to develop a coherent message in your speech. You may want to consider the following questions to get you started:

- How does earning a college degree enable you to contribute to the world?
- What role does passion and commitment play in academic success?
- What is the enduring value of a collegiate degree?
- In what ways does ISU help to broaden students' horizons?

Requirements:

- When read, speech should be as close to **five minutes** as possible, but no longer
- Must have a **GPA of 2.5** or higher
- Applicants must be a **Senior (undergraduate) graduating and participating in the Spring 2021 Commencement in May**

Applicants will need to submit:

- ✓ Their written speech
- ✓ A cover letter
- ✓ A resume
- ✓ A faculty letter of recommendation (*if possible*) – can send separate from speech
- ✓ Completed Permission to Check and Publicize GPA form

Application Deadline is 4:30pm, Monday, February 22, 2021

- Speeches should be submitted by email to the Vice President for Student Affairs office, see email information below.
- If your speech is chosen to be read before the committee, you will be contacted and given a scheduled 10 minute time period to read and present your speech on **Monday, March 8, 2021, between 4-6:30pm**. Speeches will be read either in person or by Zoom, to be determined at a later date.
(Please be sure to hold this date and time-frame if you will be submitting a speech application, as this will be the only time available to present before the committee.)
- All applicants will be contacted by Friday, February 26, to let them know as to whether or not they were selected as a speaker.

*For application information, please contact the
Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs,
Lisa Wrightsman, Executive Assistant at:
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812-237-3888*