

**Indiana State University**  
**COMMENCEMENT**  
**SPEAKER APPLICANT**  
**GUIDELINES**  
**Spring 2022**

**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 student 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
- Please have an **electronic copy** ready to submit upon request
- Applicants must be a **Senior (undergraduate) participating in the Spring 2022 Commencement in May**

**Applicants will need to submit:**

- ✓ A cover letter, include your GPA
- ✓ A resume
- ✓ A faculty letter of recommendation (*if possible*) – can send separate from speech
- ✓ Completed Permission to Check and Publicize GPA form (*will be provided with application*)
- ✓ Completed Program Information Form (*will be provided with application*)

**Application Deadline is 4:30pm, Thursday, February 24, 2022**

- Speeches must be submitted by either email or delivered directly to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.
- If you intend on submitting a speech, please hold: **Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 4-6:30pm**, for a time to read your speech. (*This date and time will be the only opportunity available to present your speech before the Student Commencement Speaker Selection Committee.*)
- Be sure your contact phone number and ISU email address are with your speech and application.

***For an application or additional information, please contact:***

***Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs  
Hulman Memorial Student Union, room 808***

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