

Indiana State University
STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
APPLICANT GUIDELINES
Spring 2025

General Guidelines:

A commencement speech is an address given to graduating students. Your speech should have a coherent message.

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:

- Speeches should be as close to **five minutes** as possible, but no longer.
- **GPA of 2.75** or higher is preferred.
- Speeches should be submitted and retained electronically.
- Applicants must be a **Senior (undergraduate) graduating in May 2025, and participating in the 2025 Spring Commencement program.**

Applicants will need to submit:

- ✓ A final draft of your speech.
 - Be sure your name, email, phone number, and student ID# are included on the speech.

Speech Submission Deadline is [Tuesday, March 18, 2025](#)

- Speeches should be submitted to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs by email to: **Lisa.McDaniel@indstate.edu**. ***If you plan to apply, please email Lisa McDaniel.***
 - Please use subject line: **Spring 2025 Student Commencement Speech Submission when emailing your speech.**
- The Student Commencement Speaker Selection Committee will review all submitted speeches. All applicants will be contacted no later than March 21, 2025, with the committee's decision as to whether or not they were selected to audition.
- Students with selected speeches will be provided a time to audition/present before the selection committee on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, between 4:00-6:00pm. The presentation will take approximately 15 minutes.
Please hold March 25th, from 4-6pm, as that will be the only opportunity to audition.

***For additional information, please contact the Office of the
Vice President for Student Affairs,***

Lisa McDaniel, Executive Assistant to the VPSA at:

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