

**College of the Siskiyous  
Graduation Speaker Application Form  
Due by April 13, 2018**

I would like to participate in the graduation speaker competition. I understand that to participate I must have a petition to graduate on file for the 17/18 academic year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SID#: S00\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone/Message Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if I do not turn in my **typed outline** to the Student Services Office by **April 16th**, I will not be eligible to deliver my speech to the Graduation Speaker Selection Committee the week of **April 23rd**.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

\*The graduation speaker should be an outstanding student at the college and possess two or more of the following traits:

1. *Exhibit motivation and follow-through*
2. *Achieve academic excellence as evidenced by grades*
3. *Demonstrate leadership abilities*
4. *Participate in campus and community activities*

Please describe how you demonstrate two or more of these traits (short paragraph):

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## 2018 Graduation Speaker

### Criteria for Application\*

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### Selection Process\*

<b>April 13, 2018</b>	Last day to apply (obtain forms from the Student Services Office).
<b>April 16</b>	A written outline submitted to the Student Services Office.
<b>April 23 - 27</b>	Speeches presented to review panel and final selection made. (Exact date to be determined; students will be notified)
<b>May 18, 2018</b>	Graduation Ceremony

### The Speech

**The theme for the speech is “Dreaming with your Eyes Wide Open.”** Explain how overcoming self-doubt or limitations allows you to dream with your eyes wide open. Please take this theme and explore it as it relates to you and your classmates. The speech should be no longer than five (5) minutes in length.

### Selection Criteria\*

The following criteria will be used to evaluate speeches:

1. Content: Does the speech have a clear thesis that is supported with interesting, meaningful examples and ideas?
2. Development of Topic: Is the subject (topic) developed to relate to graduation, COS, and/or student life while attending COS?
3. Delivery: Is the speech clear and understandable? Is there sufficient eye contact? Does the speaker talk with feeling?
4. Each candidate will be evaluated on the above criteria by each member of the review panel. The panel will use those evaluations in determining the graduation speaker.