

**College of the Siskiyous  
Graduation Speaker Application Form  
Due by April 15, 2021**

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 20/21 academic year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I understand that if I do not turn in my **typed outline** to the Student Services Office by **April 15th**, I will not be eligible to deliver my speech to the Graduation Speaker Selection Committee the week of **April 19th**.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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**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.

Use separate sheet of paper to draft speech / outline.

\*Based on AP 5551 <http://www.siskiyous.edu/bpap/procedures/services/ap5551.pdf>

# 2021 Graduation Speaker

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## Selection Process\*

<b>April 15, 2021</b>	Last day to apply. 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>April 26-30</b>	Film Speech for Virtual Graduation (Exact date to be determined; students will be notified)

## 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.