

**Auburn Mountainview High School
Commencement Speaker
Information Sheet and Timeline**

The privilege of speaking at graduation is open to all graduating seniors. The length of the inspirational speech (prayer) should be **one minute or less** and the commencement speeches should be **approximately three minutes**. Interested seniors must satisfy the timeline listed below. Candidates who meet the following guidelines will present their speeches to representatives of the senior class and of the faculty. There will be three student speakers at graduation: a faculty selection, a student selection and an inspirational speaker. The criteria for selection are listed below.

Timeline:

Notice of applications/meeting in the bulletin between April 14th and May 5th.

Monday, April 21st – Speaker Orientation Meeting:

During both lunches in room 115

1. Review application. Ask last minute questions before the application is due.
2. Distribute and discuss timeline expectations, selection process and criteria

Wednesday, April 30th – Applications Due to Ms. Thomas by 2:45 p.m. in the Activities Office

1. Need parent signature
2. Need faculty signature (recommending you to tryout to speak for Graduation)

Monday, May 5th

Final Drafts due to Ms. Thomas by 2:45 p.m. in the Activities Office

Wednesday, May 7th

Present speeches to selection panel of teachers and students from 2:45 – 4:00 p.m. in the TAM

Criteria for Judging Commencement Speeches

| | <u>Excellent</u> | <u>Satisfactory</u> | <u>Needs Improvement</u> |
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| <i>Sincerity</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <i>Persuasiveness</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <i>Organization</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <i>Effective use of voice</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <i>Delivery</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <i>Originality</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <i>Appropriateness</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| <i>Inclusiveness</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 |



Commencement Speaker Application

Please detach & return the bottom portion of this form to Ms. Thomas **no later than 2:45 p.m., Wed., APRIL 30TH**.

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| | Insp. (1 min) <input type="checkbox"/> or 3 min. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Name | Date |
| Parent Signature | Date |
| Home Telephone | Work Telephone |
| Faculty Member Signature | Date |