

College of the Siskiyous
Graduation Speaker Application Form
Due by April 18, 2025

I would like to participate in the 2025 Graduation as the featured Student Speaker.

I understand that to participate I must have a **Petition to Graduate** on file for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Student Information

Name: _____ Student ID #: S00_____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

- I understand that if I do not submit my **typed outline** to the Public Relations Office by **April 18th**, I will not be eligible to deliver my speech to the Graduation Speaker Selection Committee the week of **April 28th**.

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

The Speech

The theme for the speech is **“Moving Forward with Optimism.”** Explore how to move forward with courage, positive expectations, and reasons to be hopeful. 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.

Timeline*

April 18, 2025	Last day to apply (obtain application from the Public Relations Office or online . Application submitted to the Public Relations Office – email to pio@siskiyous.edu or drop off at Building 95, Weed Campus. Speech outline due to the Public Relations Office – email to pio@siskiyous.edu or drop off at Building 95, Weed Campus.
April 28-30, 2025	Speeches presented to review panel and final selection made. (Exact date to be determined; students will be contacted by April 23 for scheduling)
May 1, 2025	Applicants notified of decision made.
May 16, 2025	Graduation Rehearsal – 1:00 pm, Weed Campus Football Field Graduation Ceremony – 6:00 pm, Weed Campus Football Field

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.

Return completed application to the Public Relations Office (Building 95, Weed Campus) or email to pio@siskiyous.edu.

Questions

- Call – (530) 938-5373
- Email – pio@siskiyous.edu
- Stop By – Building 95, Weed Campus