

STEP 1 – SELF NOMINATION FORM

ERNEST MANNING HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2026

GRADUATION SPEAKER & VALEDICTORIAN

If you would like to apply for the honour of representing the Ernest Manning High School Graduating Class of 2026 as one of our Graduation Speakers, please return this form to the **Main Office no later than 1:00 pm on Friday, December 12th, 2025**. At the office you will then receive a link to a Google Forms that must be completed by 3:30 pm Tuesday January 6th 2026. **Sorry, no late applicants will be accepted.** You must have an EMHS staff member sign this nomination form in support of your application prior to submitting it to the Main Office.

For more information on the Graduation Speaker Roles Application process please attend a meeting on Monday December 8th at LUNCH in Room 2308

STUDENT NAME: _____

In the space below, please briefly explain why you would like to apply to be Valedictorian:

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

STAFF MEMBER NAME: _____

STAFF MEMBER SIGNATURE: _____

(this signature attests that you (staff member) are in support of this student's application to be a Graduation Speaker)



Ernest Manning High School Valedictorian & Graduation Speaker Application



ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES and SELECTION CRITERIA

Purpose:

This application is for students interested having a speaking role at either the Graduation Ceremony or Graduation Banquet. When applying to be a graduation speaker you are applying for **all** the following:

Graduation Ceremony May 11th 9 – 11 am

- Valedictorian
- Master of Ceremonies
- Acknowledgement of the Land

Graduation Banquet May 11th 5:30 – 11 pm

- Acknowledgement of the Land
- Master of Ceremonies (2 speakers)
- Class Historians (2 speakers)
- Toast to Parents
- Toast to Teachers

Eligibility:

Any Graduation Speaker Roles including the Valedictorian is a member of the graduating class who is an outstanding representative of both the student body and the community. The Graduation Speakers not only exemplify academic excellence but excellence in citizenship and community involvement.

The applicant:

- (1) must have at least an 80% average for each year as an Ernest Manning student.
- (2) must be involved in some form of extra-curricular OR community activities, which should be explained in an attached written account.
- (3) must have been a student enrolled at Ernest Manning High School for at least two years, including the current school year.

Requirements:

Completed Google form application which included:

- (1) academic transcripts that include first semester marks (You may obtain this from PowerSchool).
- (2) a written account regarding involvement in activities within the school, community and/or employment.
- (3) a 500-word (minimum) application speech that could be considered a valedictory address.

Process:

All of the aforementioned documents are due into the Main Office as the timeline provided. Once confirmation of eligibility is determined, applicants will receive information via e-mail. This information will include the 10-minute time slot on **Friday February 6th, 2026** when the applicant will read through a rough-draft of their proposed Valedictory speech to a panel of teachers and peers. If no conclusive decision can be reached at this time, a second round of speeches may be scheduled at a yet to be determined date.