

Deadline: March 17
Audition: March 24

University of Hawai'i at Hilo Spring 2017

Undergraduate Student Commencement Speaker Application

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a candidate for Student Speaker for the Spring 2017 commencement Ceremony. The person selected will represent the graduating students of the Class of Spring 2017 and will play a very important role in the Commencement Ceremony.

The following section describes the criteria and process to be used for selecting the speaker. Attached is the application itself, which is to be returned to the Humanities Division Office, K-214, *by 4pm on Friday, March 17, 2017*. If you have any questions, you may contact Colby Miyose at colby.miyose@hawaii.edu. *Please keep this page for future reference.*

CRITERIA:

- I. **High Academic Achievement**
The student must demonstrate academic achievement, as evidenced by a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- II. **University/Community Service**
The student must have a record of meaningful University and/or community service.
- III. **Graduating Senior**
The student must have applied for graduation and is graduating this semester as an undergraduate student.
- IV. **Public Communication Skills**
The student must demonstrate the potential to communicate to a large audience on a graduation-related theme in a meaningful, clear, and an expressive manner.

PROCEDURE OF APPLICATION:

Complete the attached brief application and return it to the Humanities Division Office, K-214, *by 4pm on Friday, March 17, 2017*. Late applications cannot be accepted. Be sure to have your application date and time stamped by one of the Humanities Division secretaries.

- I. Applicants who meet criteria I, II and III above, will be invited to *speak at an audition session to be held between the hours of 3-4:30pm on Friday, March 24, 2017 in the conference room of the Humanities Division Office, K-214A*. Should you be selected to audition, be prepared to present a 3-minute speech you would give at the graduation ceremony. There will be a small group of judges present, but you will speak as if you are addressing those assembled at the graduation ceremony itself. You may speak extemporaneously or use a manuscript. There will be no microphone at the audition. Do note that this is an actual audition, so please come prepared.
- II. Invitations to speak at the Friday, March 24th audition will be extended by e-mail. If you have not been reached by Wednesday, March 22nd, please contact Colby Miyose by e-mail (colby.miyose@hawaii.edu) or at 932-7113 to learn what time you have been scheduled to speak on the afternoon of March 24th. *Please be on time for your scheduled audition and wait in the hallway outside of Humanities Division office until you are greeted.*
- III. Final selection by the judges will be based upon the sample speeches given on March 24th. Both content and delivery will be considered (along with academic achievement and service in especially close competition).
- IV. The student selected to be the Student Commencement Speaker will receive assistance from UH-Hilo faculty in refining their speech and its delivery. The student selected must email the speech to the committee in a timely manner.
- V. The student selected to be the Student Commencement Speaker must practice with a podium and microphone at the UHH theatre, UCB 100, or Wentworth 1 (whichever is available) at least one time, specifically during the last week of instruction or finals week. The selected student will receive assistance from faculty members.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT HILO
Spring 2017
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
APPLICATION FORM

Please provide us with the information requested (use both sides if necessary) and return this form to the Humanities Division Office, K-214 by 4pm on Friday, March 17, 2017.

Name and e-mail address of applicant (please print)

Phone: _____ Major: _____ GPA (cum): _____

Student ID: _____

1. Academic Honors or Awards at UH:

2. Campus and/or Community Service:

3. Please describe the qualities or experiences which you believe make you qualified to represent your fellow graduates as the Student Speaker at Commencement.

4. Please describe your future plans after graduation.

5. On an attached sheet, provide a brief summary or outline of the content of the speech you would like to present at Commencement.