



Halifax West High School 2019 Valedictorian Application

Please attach this cover page to your resume and submit it to the main office by 12:00 noon on Friday, April 26, 2019. You must include your email address. If you are a successful candidate, you will be invited by a member of the committee to participate in a short presentation.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Criteria

The successful valedictorian candidate must:

- be a positive contributing citizen of the Halifax West High School community
- be in good academic standing – passing all courses with no outstanding major assessments
- have exemplary attendance
- have significant involvement in co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities
- have the speaking skills, confidence, and willingness to address the graduation assembly
- represent the entire class of 2019 (not just himself/herself or his/her immediate circle of friends) in crafting and delivering the valedictory address
- submit their resume by due date (including detailed contribution to both school and community)

Selection Process

1. An **initial short list** of candidates will be generated by a committee consisting of two teachers and one administrator who will decide which applications go forward.
2. These candidates will then be invited to present a three (3) minute maximum speech/presentation to the Selection Committee members on the topic: **What does it mean to be a graduate of Halifax West High School in the 21st century.** The presentation can be as creative as you like -- you may use whatever medium you feel most comfortable with (written, multimedia, song, poem, poster, etc.) **The presentation will be filmed for reference.**
3. The **Selection Committee** will then create a **final short list (4-5 candidates)** based on the candidate's resume and the content and delivery of their speech/presentation. Rubrics will be used for both.
4. This final list of candidates will be required to present a short, two (2) minute introduction/biography to the Selection Committee that will be filmed and shared with the Grade 12 graduating class prior to the vote.
 - Grade 12 students will vote in class by secret ballot.
 - Votes will be taken by staff to the main office and counted by Administration. Students will be notified of the result within a reasonable time period.
 - The candidate with the **majority of votes will be valedictorian.**
 - The candidate with the **second greatest number of votes will be salutatorian.**