

Halifax West High School

2015-16 Valedictorian Application

Please attach this cover page to your resume and submit it to the office by **3:30pm on Monday, May 9th**. Please include your e-mail address. You will be invited by a member of the committee to participate in a short presentation.

Name: _____

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 significant involvement in co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities
- ...have the speaking skills, confidence, and willingness to address the graduation assembly
- ...represent the class of 2016, not just himself/herself or his/her immediate circle of friends, in crafting and delivering the valedictory address

Selection Process

The Valedictorian short list of candidates will be selected by a committee which is comprised of four grade 12 students nominated by teachers, two teachers and one administrator.

- 1) Submission of resume by due date (include contributions to both school and community)
- 2) Invitation of candidates to present a 3 minute speech/presentation to committee members. This presentation can be as creative as you like. You may use whatever medium with which you feel most comfortable (written, multimedia, song, poem, poster, etc.)

TOPIC: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A GRADUATE OF HALIFAX WEST HIGH SCHOOL IN THE 21ST CENTURY?

- 3) Creation of short list (3 candidates) by selection committee
- 4) Grade 12 students vote in class by secret ballot – selection is by majority
- 5) The candidate with the majority of votes will be valedictorian. The candidate with 2nd greatest number of votes will be salutatorian.