



# Valedictorian Contest

## Spring Convocation 2025



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**Student #:**

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**Local Address:**

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**Cell Phone Number:**

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**Permanent Address:**

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**Permanent Phone Number:**

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**Faculty:**

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**Cumulative Grade Point Average:**

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### **WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE CHOSEN AS A VALEDICTORIAN?**

PLEASE ATTACH A TYPED RESPONSE WITH YOUR APPLICATION (one paragraph). This is meant only to indicate to the committee why you wish to be selected Class Valedictorian.

(This is NOT the speech which you will present before the committee and ultimately before your fellow graduates if selected to be a Valedictorian.)

## QUALIFICATIONS

1. The candidate must be a potential graduate for Spring 2025 convocation or have graduated in Winter 2025.
2. The candidate must have a cumulative grade point average of not less than 2.0 at the time of filing an application for the contest.
3. The winners will be determined by the Selection Committee and the students will be advised of their standing. There will be no final commitment made to the Valedictorian in advance of the determination of their eligibility for graduation.
4. If, in the opinion of the students, Dean of the Faculty and Registrar, there are extenuating circumstances which make the winner unsuitable to represent the Senior Class at Graduation, the matter will be dealt with by the Selection Committee, who will be responsible for making a recommendation to the Executive of Senate.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete and return the application form to [graduation@smu.ca](mailto:graduation@smu.ca) by Friday, February 28 no later than 3 pm.
2. Presentation (Speech) and selection will take place virtually on Friday, March 7, 2025. Candidates will be notified of their scheduled presentation time slot in advance.
3. Prepared speeches should be 5 minutes maximum in length and should represent remarks as if chosen as the Valedictorian at Convocation. Your speech should follow these guidelines:
  - The speech should be no longer than five minutes in length (approximately 700 words).
  - It should be thought provoking, mature, celebratory and appropriate for delivery at Convocation.
  - The speech should be relevant to all graduating students and reflective of Saint Mary's University.
  - It should reflect who you are as a person and a graduate.
4. Candidates must submit a copy of the speech to [graduation@smu.ca](mailto:graduation@smu.ca) on the day of the presentation.
5. All candidates will be contacted by phone or e-mail regarding the outcome of the balloting.