2014 Commencement Student Speaker Application

1. Eligibility to be a student speaker
   1. Must be graduating from PSU in the 2013-2014 academic year (Fall 2013, Winter 2014, Spring 2014, Summer 2014, Fall 2014)
   2. Must be graduating with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for current academic program (applies to both undergraduate and graduate students)
   3. Must submit a complete application package by 4:00 PM Monday, March 17, 2014
   4. If invited, must present the proposed 2 minute speech to the Graduation Program Board in April 2014

2. Application package
   1. Current resume including phone number, email address, student ID, major or field of study, GPA, and term graduating/graduated
   2. Script of proposed commencement speech (may be no more than 2 minutes when delivered verbally)
   3. Statement of interest (see next section)
   4. Letter of recommendation from a faculty member; may be included or submitted separately
   5. Video of student presenting the written script of proposed speech from point 2 above

3. Statement of Interest
   In 250 words or less per question, please describe why you want to address your peers as one of the student speakers at the 2014 commencement. Note that this statement is different from your actual commencement speech. Questions 1 & 2 are required, and also choose either question 3 or question 4:
   1. In what ways do you think your experience at PSU is both similar to and different from other students? required
   2. What about you makes you a good representative of the graduates? Required

Choose to answer question 3 or question 4

3. What is one experience you had at PSU that has shaped you and you will never forget?

4. If a visitor from another country had just arrived in the United States for the first time, and that person wanted to know what makes PSU unique, what would you tell her? What one place on campus would you show her to explain the essence of PSU?
Submitting Your Application

Applications are due by **March 17, 2014 at 4:00 PM**. #1-4 of the application package must be submitted **electronically** to commencement@pdx.edu as one PDF; #5 (the video) should be submitted in WMV or MP4 format. Please bring the video on a flash drive to the University Welcome Center, located at ASRC 101, or submit via Drop Box and include a link in your application packet.

Applications will be reviewed by the Graduation Program Board. Selected applicants will be invited to present their speech in a live audition to the Board in April. Speakers for both commencement ceremonies will be selected by May 1st.