2015 Commencement Student Speaker Application

1. Eligibility to be a student speaker
   1. Must be a graduating student eligible to participate in the Spring 2015 ceremony.
   2. Must be graduating with a minimum PSU institutional GPA of 3.0 (applies to both undergraduate and graduate students).
   3. Must submit a complete application package by 5:00 PM Monday, April 13, 2015.
   4. If invited, must present the proposed 2 minute speech to the Graduation Program Board in late April 2015.

2. Application package
   1. Current resume including phone number, email address, student ID, major or field of study, GPA, and term graduating.
   2. Script of proposed commencement speech (may be no more than 2 minutes in length when delivered verbally).
   3. Statement of interest (see next section).
   4. Letter of recommendation from a staff or faculty member; this does not need to be submitted separately.
   5. Video of you presenting the written script of your speech from point 2 above, posted to Youtube as an unlisted video. Please provide a link in your application. Alternatively, you may bring the video on a flash drive to the University Welcome Center, located at ASRC 101, by the submission deadline.

3. Statement of Interest
   In 250 words or less, please describe why you want to address your peers as one of the student speakers at the 2015 commencement. Note that this statement is different from your actual commencement speech. Respond to 2 or 3 of these questions:
   1. In what ways do you think your experience at PSU is both similar to and different from other students?
   2. What about you makes you a good representative of the 2015 graduates?
   3. What is one experience you had at PSU that has shaped you, that you will never forget, and might be shared by other graduates?
   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 April 13, 2015 at 5:00 PM. #1-4 of the application must be submitted electronically to commencement@pdx.edu as one PDF; #5 (the video) should be submitted as a link through Youtube as an unlisted video or you may bring the video on a flash drive to the University Welcome Center, located at ASRC 101.

Applications will be reviewed by the Graduation Program Board. Selected applicants will be invited to present their speech in an audition in front of the Board in late April. Two speakers for each commencement ceremony will be selected by May 1st.