



Commencement 2026 Student Speaker Application

Graduates are invited to apply to become the Commencement 2026 Student Speaker. **Applications should be submitted to commencement@swlaw.edu or to the Administrative Services Office (W100) by 6:00pm on March 6, 2026.** Auditions will take place in March 2026.

Requirements:

- Must be a December 2025, January 2026, May 2026 or July 2026 Southwestern graduate.
- Must currently be in good academic standing.
- Must be present at Southwestern's 2026 Commencement.
- **Must submit the speech with this application to commencement@swlaw.edu.**
- Must be prepared to present the speech to the graduation speaker committee, if selected as a finalist.
- Speech must be original work and cannot exceed 5 minutes.
- Speech presented at audition will be speech given at Commencement.

Selection Criteria:

- Representative of graduating class
- Quality of speech draft
- Substance of speech
- Quality of oral presentation
- Academic achievement
- Service to Southwestern student body
- Community service

Speaker Application

Name: _____

Class: _____

ID#: _____

Current Cumulative GPA: _____

Phone Number: _____

Program (Check one):

Email: _____

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Supplemental Questions (Use additional pages if required)

Please describe why you would like to be Southwestern's Class of 2026 student speaker:

Please describe your service to the Southwestern student body:

Please describe your community service activities: