

# Commencement Student Speaker



## Office of Student Activities

### CANDIDATE APPLICATION

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Please check the semester for which you are applying.

Fall 2008

Spring 2009

#### ABOUT THIS HONOR

The Student Speaker for the Commencement Ceremony will be chosen from nominations by faculty or staff members of Joliet Junior College. The nominee must be an exemplary student of the respective graduating class of Fall 2008/Spring 2009 and feel comfortable speaking in front of a large audience.

The Commencement Student Speaker Selection Committee will review the candidate applications and letters of recommendation; interview each nominee; and then determine the student who will receive this distinguished honor. An honorarium of \$100 will be awarded to the student chosen.

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**DIRECTIONS:** Please complete the application on the back of this form and before submitting, attach all required documents as outlined below. Please print. Applicants will be notified of their status.

**Materials must be submitted to the Office of Student Activities by October 17, 2008 (fall semester) or March 13, 2009 (spring semester).**

The following information will be helpful in completing your application.

1. Complete Section 1: **Demographic Data**.
2. Complete Section 2: **Personal Statement** written by you that addresses your experiences at Joliet Junior College, and how your personal and professional goals will be affected. Include any challenges and/or obstacles that you have overcome.
3. Submit one **letter of recommendation** from the faculty or staff member who nominated you that addresses your academic and career goals as well as personal growth and development.
4. Provide your **current academic summary**.
5. Provide a list of **college and/or community service activities** in which you have been involved, including the name of the organization, contact person, and phone number.
6. Provide a one-page summary of your **message to the graduating class** with this application. If chosen to be interviewed, you will be expected to deliver a 2-3 minute speech based on your one-page summary.

7. Your application must be received by **October 17, 2008 (fall semester) or March 13, 2009 (spring semester)**. **All requested documents including letters of recommendation must accompany the application when submitted to:**

The Office of Student Activities, H-1016  
c/o Pam Dilday, Director  
Joliet Junior College  
1215 Houbolt Road  
Joliet, Illinois 60431

## Section 1

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### DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ SSN/ID# \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2

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### PERSONAL STATEMENT

**Please limit your statement to a one-page typewritten summary.**

1. How will your educational goals at JJC contribute to your future academic and professional goals? Please include any honors or awards you have received.
2. What collegiate and community service have you been involved in while attending Joliet Junior College? Please provide evidence of effective leadership in student government, clubs, organizations, athletics, publications, or special events.
3. What do you believe would be the most important message you could share with your fellow graduates?