

Convocation Student Speaker Application Questions

There are six questions. Please limit your responses to 200 words or less per question.

We suggest you respond to the essay questions in Word and paste your responses in the online application form.

1. What experiences have you had speaking in front of large audiences?
2. What messages do you think are important for new students to hear as they begin their Washington University education? Please reflect on your first year at Washington University.
3. Choose one campus involvement or classroom experience and explain how it best exemplifies what it means to you to be a Washington University student.
4. How would you include messages to parents and family members who are attending Convocation, while maintaining your focus on the student experience?
5. Why should you be chosen to address the new students and their families at Convocation?
6. **Attach to your application:**
 - a. Resume
 - b. Video introduction
 - i. This video should be no more than a total of four minutes in length.
 1. The video should begin with a brief introduction including your name, hometown, and major.
 2. Follow the introduction with a three-minute version of the speech you would give at Convocation.
 3. Upload the video to YouTube, make it public, and include the link in your online application.
 - a. If you are unable to upload the video to YouTube, contact Katharine Pei, Director of the First Year Center, at firstyearcenter@wustl.edu.

Convocation speakers must meet the following criteria

- Be current juniors planning to graduate December 2021 or May 2022
- Have a minimum of a 3.25 cumulative GPA
- Be in good conduct standing