Application for Commencement Student Speaker

Name: ___________________________________________  I.D. # ______________________

Phone #: _______________________ UT Box #: _________ Email address: ______________________

Major:______________________________________ Minor: __________________________________

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): ___________ 

Plans after graduation: ______________________________________________________________

To be considered as a student speaker at Commencement, you must submit the following four items to the Dean of Academic Services Office, Plant Hall 202, by the deadline indicated on the website. No late applications will be accepted. All items must be answered fully.

Please complete and submit this application. One student will introduce the speaker and one will deliver the challenge. If you have a preference, please indicate it on the application.

Please submit an essay of 150 to 200 words explaining why you feel that you should be selected to speak. You may reflect upon any past accomplishments at UT that you feel have prepared you to be a well-qualified speaker at Commencement. The essay must be typed and double-spaced.

Please submit a draft of the speech (one double-spaced page) for the challenge. This draft needs to be as final as possible because it will be a major factor that the Commencement Committee will use to judge and evaluate your application. This draft must be positive and upbeat. Students must refrain from mentioning alcohol or naming specific people in their comments. Remember that if you are selected to speak, you will be representing the entire graduating class, so please present material appropriate for such a responsibility. The speech is to be a maximum of one to two minutes in length.

Please submit a copy of your co-curricular transcript which you must obtain from the Student Activities Office.

Please do not submit letters of recommendation, resumes or any other documents in support of your application.

Please note that, if you are chosen to speak, you are required to march with the Platform Party and be seated with the Platform Party. Members of the Platform Party are not to leave their seats to congratulate anyone walking across the stage.

The Commencement Speaker Committee will be composed of several distinguished faculty and staff. We will contact you as soon as a decision has been made by the committee.