



**New Westminster Secondary School**  
**Application and Selection for Valedictorian 2021**

**Valedictorian Criteria:**

- The nominee must be in good student standing
- Demonstrates a commitment to the school and community through extra-curricular involvement (e.g. volunteer work, clubs, service, participation on sports teams)
- Serves as a student leader and role model; respected by the students of the graduating class

**Selection Process:**

- The Valedictorian Staff Committee consisting of, The Principal, Grade 12 Vice Principal, School Counsellor and a Grade 12 Teacher Representative
- The selected candidates will participate in an interview with the committee
- The committee will select the top candidate for Valedictorian

**Application Process: Due date is Thursday May 27, 2021 (by 3:30 pm)**

**\*Please complete items #1-3 below and submit your application by the due date.**

**Please return your completed application by email to [jlekakis@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:jlekakis@sd40.bc.ca)**

- 1. Obtain support from three staff members and three Gr 12 student peers – provide names on application.**
- 2. A 250-word summary identifying the reasons why you should be selected as Valedictorian.**
- 3. A summary of the inspirational message you wish to convey to your graduating classmates in your valedictory address.**

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**Interview expectations:**

- ✓ The nominee must be capable of composing a speech that is four to five minutes in length.
  - ✓ Representation of the graduating class in an appropriate manner.
  - ✓ Incorporate an appropriate theme.
  - ✓ The nominee must be able to deliver this speech in a clear, engaging manner for the virtual 2021 School Leaving Ceremony.
- If chosen, Commit to participating in meeting with the *Valedictorian Committee* including:
    - a) A review of the purpose for a valedictory address and the content;
    - b) A review of the rough draft of your valedictory address; and
    - c) A review of the edited version of your valedictory address.
  - **Valedictorian interviews will take place on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

***If you have any questions please contact:***

Ms. Vit –Counsellor · [cvit@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:cvit@sd40.bc.ca)

Mr. Lekakis – Vice-Principal · [jlekakis@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:jlekakis@sd40.bc.ca)

Teacher references in support of your application for valedictorian:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Student references in support of your application for valedictorian:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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