



RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL - CLASS OF 2025

CLASS VALEDICTORIAN:

Traditionally at the Valedictory Ceremony, a student gives the farewell address on behalf of the graduating class. The Valedictorian reflects upon a theme relevant to his/her classmates and shares parting words of wisdom. The successful candidate will be chosen based upon the following criteria identified by RHS graduates. The student:

- must be a strong academic student
- should be one of the top well-rounded students in the Graduating Class
- is to have good public speaking skills
- is to be representative of the school as shown by participation in a wide range of school activities
- should be able to relate with a wide range of students in the Graduating Class
- should be reflective, thoughtful and able to look to the future
- will have attended Richmond Secondary for at least 2 years

Any student who is interested in representing the graduating class of 2025 in this manner is asked to submit an application to the Principal by **3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2025** using the Class Valedictorian form. In a maximum of 250 **TYPE WRITTEN** words, write why you think you are a good candidate for Class Valedictorian. Please include contact information such as email and telephone number on your application.

CLASS HISTORIAN(S):

NOTE: This role may or may not be filled in any given year depending on the strength and rationale behind individual applications.

The Class Historian(s) reflects upon the memories or history of the graduating class throughout the years from grades 8-12. The successful candidate(s) will be chosen based upon the following criteria identified by the RHS graduates. The student(s):

- is to have good public speaking skills
- should be able to balance a nostalgic review of the past five years with appropriate wit & humour
- should be connected to a broad base of students and be able to relate to the majority of the class
- should have been involved in a wide range of school activities including athletics, clubs, and service
- should have a well-rounded perspective on the happenings at the school
- should be at least an average/above average academic student
- will have attended Richmond Secondary since Grade 8

Any student who is interested in representing the graduating class of 2025 in this manner is asked to submit an application to the Principal by **3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2025** using the Class Historian Application form. In a maximum of 250 **TYPE WRITTEN** words, write why you think you are a good candidate for Class Historian. Please include contact information such as email and telephone number to your application.

Please note: You are encouraged to apply to ONE OR BOTH positions but you must submit separate applications to each position. Applicants will be interviewed for positions for which they submit a sample speech. Note, the selection committee reserves the right to consider applicants for a position that they may not have applied for.

Selection of the Valedictorian and Historian will be made according to the process and timeline found on the back side of this form.

SELECTION TIMELINE

- March 1** Information Sheets will be made available at the school office and on MS Teams. Interested students will complete statements of interest and submit them to the Principal by **3:00pm on Wednesday, April 2, 2025**.
- April 4** Ballot available (published with the names of interested candidates posted online). Opportunity for Grade 12 students to **vote** for Valedictorian and Historian. Voting will take place from **Friday, April 4 to Tuesday, April 8, 2025**. A link to vote will be posted on the Grade 12 MS Teams. Vote results, application responses, and interviews will be considered in the selection process.
- April 10 - 11** Interview dates and times given to list of candidates. Interview questions will be given to all candidates. Candidates are asked to prepare a small segment of their speech and all their responses to the interview questions.
- April 14 – 25** Interviewing of candidates by staff committee.
- April 28 - 30** Selection of Valedictorian and Historian by staff committee.
- April 30** Notification of successful and unsuccessful candidates.
- May 1 - 22** Preparation of speeches.
- May 23** Submission of final speeches to staff committee and **email to Principal**.
- May 26 – June 6** Rehearsal, revision, and practice of speeches with Staff.
- June 6 - 10** Speeches finalized with final rehearsal with Administration.
- June 11** Valedictory Rehearsal at 1:15pm for Graduating Class 2025. Additional Valedictorian and Historian Rehearsal after school.
- June 14** 2025 RHS Valedictory at UBC Chan Centre. Arrive inside the Chan Centre Auditorium for 11:15am Sound Check.