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Governors State University 2015 Commencement
STUDENT VOCALIST APPLICATION
(For Baccalaureate, Masters, and Doctoral Degree candidates only)

The Commencement Student Vocalist sings the National Anthem at the start of their Commencement Ceremony.

To be eligible for consideration as the student vocalist at Commencement 2015, you must meet all of the following criteria and obligations:

1. For the 2015 Commencement ceremony, eligible participants are:
 - 2014 December graduates
 - 2015 Spring candidates for graduation (who applied by Feb 6, 2015)
 - 2015 Summer candidates for graduation (who applied by Feb 6, 2015)
 - You must be in good financial standing with the University in order to participate in this event.
2. Have a strong academic record (2.5 GPA or higher) and are in good disciplinary standing with the university.
3. Complete and submit the application form, (attached) by **Thursday, April 9, 2015** to the Dean of Students Office, A2134 or by email to [**lcarra@govst.edu**](mailto:lcarra@govst.edu).
4. Meet with the Selection Committee on **Thursday, April 16, 2015** to audition and respond to committee questions about your qualifications, your interest in being selected, and your overall learning experiences during your years at GSU. **You must be available between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m.**
5. The auditions will all be performed a cappella (without accompaniment). Depending on the vocalist, the final performance will be performed a cappella or with the band. If the vocalist selected will be singing with the band, must make at least one band rehearsal on the following dates:
 - Thursday, May 7, 2015, 7-9pm
 - Thursday, May 14, 2015, 7-9pmRehearsal Location: Mokena Junior High School, 19815 Kirkstone Way, Mokena, IL, (708) 479-2055
The National Anthem will be conducted in the Key of *Ab*; song should be sung straight, with no variations. Attend a sound-check/rehearsal on Friday, May 15 at 1 p.m. at Commencement location; Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60477, (708) 342-5485
6. Following receipt and review of completed applications, applicants who meet the criteria will be contacted by the Dean of Students Office to arrange the audition appointment with the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will be composed of representatives from the university community.

Selection of the vocalist will be based on quality of vocal ability, quality of presentation, academic record, and contributions to campus life.

Students may apply for both Commencement Student Vocalist & Student Speaker, however they will only be allowed to accept only one of these positions.

If you have any questions, please contact *Lisa Carra* in the *Dean of Students Office* at: 708.235.7595 or lcarra@govst.edu

APPLICATION FOR 2015 COMMENCEMENT STUDENT VOCALIST

Name: _____ **Student ID #:** _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Are you in: CAS, CHHS, CBPA, or COE? _____

Major(s): _____ **Minor(s):** _____

Will you complete all degree requirements by Summer 2015? _____

Are you available for a sound check/rehearsal on Friday, May 15? _____

Why do you want to be the 2015 Student Commencement Vocalist? _____

List any vocal or musical experience that you feel is relevant to your ability: _____

List any extra-curricular activities, groups, programs, projects, productions, or events you have been involved with during your time at GSU. (This can include both GSU and non-GSU involvement).

(If you need additional space please use the back of this form or attach a separate sheet.)

