

The Assiniboine Community College Students' Association (ACCSA) will be selecting Two Valedictorians this year to represent the graduating class of 2023. Two Valedictorians will be selected, one from each of the following student groups:

- **The June 9th Graduation Ceremony for all graduates of Parkland campus that graduate July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.**
- **The June 16th Graduation Ceremony for graduates of all other campuses and of distance education and apprenticeship programs that graduate November 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.**

The Valedictorians selected will be required to prepare a speech that will be delivered at their respective graduation ceremony.

Valedictorian Eligibility

To be eligible, you must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Be a graduating student from a program offered for the 2022-2023 academic year.
2. Have a minimum G.P.A of 3.0
3. Have a strong history of student involvement at ACC and/or ACCSA
4. Complete the application form (pg. 2 and 3 of this document), as well as a 500-word essay
5. Your application must be nominated/endorsed by two ACC graduating students and two ACC faculty/staff members.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be selected based on the following:

- academic performance
- extra-curricular activities
- contribution to college life
- answers provided on this form

Selection Committee

The Selection Committee will be composed of the ACCSA Executive Director (chair), an ACC staff member from the Graduation Committee, the ACC Associate Registrar, and two non-graduating students selected by the Students' Association Council.

Submission Deadline

The application deadline is **Friday April 21st, 2023 by 4:00 pm**. Please send all completed forms and the essay (all in PDF Format) via email to paulk7121@assiniboine.net. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ACC Students' Association for more information.

All applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by Friday, April 28th, 2023.

ACC 2023 Valedictorian Application Form

Name of Nominee: _____ Student Number: _____

Program: _____ Campus: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Name of nominator completing this application if not the nominee: _____

Please confirm which Graduation Ceremony you are attending (Attendance is required for Valedictorians:

- ☐ I am planning on attending the Dauphin Graduation Ceremony on June 9th, 2023
- ☐ I am planning on attending the Brandon Graduation Ceremony on June 16th, 2023

Nominations/Endorsements*

1. Graduating ACC Student Nominator**:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

2. Graduating ACC Student Nominator**:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

1. ACC Staff / Faculty Nominator**:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

2. ACC Staff / Faculty Nominator**:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

* Nominees can also endorse by emailing: paulk7121@assiniboine.net

** Nominators may be contacted by the Valedictorian Selection Committee to give references.

Please answer the following questions. If more space is required, you may answer them on a separate document, but please keep each answer to 500 words or less, and submit as a PDF along with your application.

Describe your/their student involvement at Assiniboine Community College including Studies, Clubs, Organizations, Volunteering, Activities, Sports, Classroom, and Tutoring.

Please outline your/their community involvement while you were attending ACC, as well as other notable involvement you wish to highlight:

Why do you believe that you/they would be the best choice to represent your fellow students as Valedictorian?

What, according to you, is the purpose of a Valedictorian?

On a separate PDF, please provide up to the first 500 words of a draft Valedictorian speech to give the Selection Committee an understanding of the tone and content for your speech. This will not necessarily be your complete speech if chosen for Valedictorian.

Optionally, you may also attach a letter of reference written by someone who has worked with you (or for you). This letter should not exceed two pages double-spaced.

To be signed by nominee in approval of their nomination

I, _____ of ACC, student number _____, hereby agree to my nomination and give permission to the members of the Valedictorian Selection Committee to verify with the Assiniboine Community College Registrar's Office that my G.P.A. meets the minimum criteria of 3.0.

Signature

Date