



## **INTERESTED IN BEING THE 2021 SENIOR SPEAKER?**

Any senior interested in applying for this distinction must email a proposal to: [lihascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:lihascholarships@gmail.com), no later than **May 1, 2021**, which will be reviewed by a committee comprised of faculty and administrators. Achievement and citizenship will also be considered as part of the overall selection process.

**Application Directions: Send the following to [lihascholarships@gmail.com](mailto:lihascholarships@gmail.com), no later than May 1, 2021:**

- 1) A copy of your proposed speech (no more 750 words) sent as an attachment
- 2) Complete Application Questions (Include in Body of Email)
  - o First and Last Name
  - o Your Educational Aspirations
  - o Your Career Aspirations
  - o Why are you interested in serving as the 2021 Student Speaker?
  - o Describe one of your most memorable moments while being a student at LIHSA.
  - o If chosen, what message would you like to leave with the audience?
  - o How is this experience both unique and representative of your fellow graduates?
  - o Biography (in less than 200 words) – in a creative and unique way describe your life story.

## **LIHSA Senior Speech Guidelines**

The following are suggested guidelines for the LIHSA student convocation speech. While not all the speeches follow these guidelines, most do.

### **Structure and Flow**

Speeches usually have 4 sections of varying length and purpose, with sections 2 and 3 at their core.

1. Speeches open with greetings to the Nassau BOCES administration and Board, faculty, alumni, and class of 2020, with special thanks to parents, friends, and loved ones who made it all possible.

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2. Speeches then transition to present an artistic challenge.
  - o This is often a compelling human story from the speaker's experience that illustrates the great need in the world for the arts
  - o This story touches us all and illustrates why we've chosen to make the arts our life's work
3. The speaker then proposes a response or solution to the challenge.
  - o Speakers often invoke hope and determination in this section.
4. Speeches then transition towards their closing, often with an energetic call to coordinated action.
  - o Remember that this is a convocation ceremony, and that it marks people going forward, beginning new lives.

## **Characteristics and Length**

Effective speeches...

- Are rich in content, have a strong theme, and tell compelling stories
- Inspire us
- Demonstrate passion, conviction, sincerity
- Are inclusive
- The speech's perspective should not reflect that of a single department or discipline, but all those in the arts.
- The speech ultimately needs to be delivered in less than 5 minutes and will eventually need to be no more than 550-600 words.

**For the selection process, speeches need to be less than 750 words.**