

When registering at Northwestern Polytechnic, a student acknowledges the right of the Institute to collect information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information that is maintained as part of the student record will be used for the purposes of issuing scholarships and awards and notifying donors of the recipients of their awards. Information on award applications may be shared with the donor.

Valedictorian: A valedictorian has graduated from a certificate or diploma program and is a person who represents what is best about a graduating class. A valedictorian should have been involved in school leadership and/or community leadership. A valedictorian should have a good understanding of the journey and how that relates to what the future graduates are about to embark upon. A valedictorian should be a person who can articulate a positive message as they reflect on the recent past and the near future.

INSTRUCTIONS: Students will be selected based on:

- Expectation that student will graduate this academic year.
- Students must be registered in a minimum of 60% of a full course load.
- Student must have achieved a minimum GPA of 3.3 in the Fall semester prior to Convocation.
- To be considered for this award, Student Services must have an Application for Parchment on file.
 - **Apply Online for Graduation**
 - The ability to apply for either Graduation or Convocation for most current students is available through your myNWP account. Once you log in, the "My Courses" tab will take you to another page where you will find the "Graduation" menu item. Selecting this will open the application window. Please note that you will only be able to apply for the current year curriculum and once you submit your application, you will not be able to make any additional changes.

In addition, students will be shortlisted based on their display of leadership qualities, their contribution to the institute, and finally, judged on the outline of the valedictory speech.

Last Name	First	Middle
Social Insurance Number	NWP Student ID	Date of Birth
Telephone	Cell	Email Address

If you would like to be considered for this award/honour, please submit this application with the following to the Student Services Office ON or BEFORE the deadline or email to Awards@NWPolytech.ca.

- **Letter to the Valedictorian Selection Committee** informing them as to why you should be chosen to represent your graduating class. Your letter should also comment on:
 - Academic highlights (honours, achievements, etc.)
 - Demonstrated leadership: On-campus (contribution to student life)
 - Demonstrated leadership: Off-campus (contribution to community)
 - Current program at NWP
 - Future education plans (if any)
 - Career goals
- **Valedictorian Speech.** Your speech should:
 - Be relevant to the situation
 - Be thought-provoking
 - Be general to graduating class (not all program specific)
 - Have a positive focus
 - Be approximately 5 minutes in length
- **The Selection Committee will conduct reference checks with NWP Department Chairs and Faculty**

The following is an outline tool to create your letter to the Valedictorian Selection Committee. Complete this outline as part of your application. You will be required to submit a completed letter with your application to the committee.

Personal Suitability to Be Selected as Valedictorian	
Use this area to describe the traits you demonstrate that make you a good choice for valedictorian.	
List Academic Highlights	
Honours, Achievements (Louise McKinney Scholarship, Jason Lang Scholarship, Alexander Rutherford Scholarship, NWP Scholarships)	Year Award Received
Demonstrated Leadership: On-Campus Contributions to Student Life	
Activity	Name of Instructor / Faculty to Confirm Activity
Demonstrated Leadership: Off-Campus Contribution to Community	
Activity	Name and Telephone Number of Community Contact
Future Education Plans (if any)	
Activity	When
Career Goals	
Goal	When

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- January 10 Deadline for application to be received by Student Services / Financial Aid Office. Student Services will verify applicants meet graduation requirements.
- January 15 Committee will meet to shortlist candidates based on submitted items. Candidates will be contacted, and an interview will be scheduled.
- January 23 Shortlisted applicants will present their proposed speech to the Selection Committee.
- January 26 The successful applicant will be notified and offered assistance from our Communications Mentor to polish their speech for presentation to the graduates and guests at Convocation scheduled on March 8, 2025.

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

1. I accept that decisions made by the Selection Committee may involve subjectivity as qualitative aspects are considered with varying personal circumstances.
2. Further to the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, I give permission for the disclosure and/or exchange of information to internal or external bodies as required in determining my eligibility or suitability.
3. I accept that the donor of my award may have access to the information provided in this application and may wish to contact me.
4. I accept that a normal part of the Awards Program is the release of identifying information to the media as part of the community relations of the Institute.
5. I accept that Northwestern Polytechnic reserves the right to make whatever changes in the award criteria or value as are deemed necessary, without notice, including the cancellation of an award.
6. I accept that outstanding debt to Northwestern Polytechnic is the first charge against any monetary award offered to me.
7. All information I have given is true in all aspects.

Signature of Applicant

Date

For more information, please contact the Financial Aid Team:

Phone: 780.539.2845

Email: FinancialAid@NWPolytech.ca

Return completed and signed applications to Awards@NWPolytech.ca



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