

**SPRINGBANK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**VALEDICTORIAN SELECTION & APPLICATION**  
**GUIDELINES**  
**Graduating Class of 2025**

Below are the guidelines used to select the valedictorian at Springbank Community High School. We ask that all applications are submitted by **Friday, April 4th, 2025, digitally** to the selection committee at [jwilhelm@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:jwilhelm@rockyview.ab.ca). The successful candidate will be notified by Thursday, April 17, 2025, and a copy of their Valedictorian Address (speech) will be due **May 7, 2025**.

The Valedictorian must have demonstrated academic achievement (90% + average), have received at least two years of their schooling at Springbank Community High School, have participated in school activities, shown good character/citizenship throughout their high school years, and embodied RISE characteristics across a variety of domains (Responsibility, Integrity, Strength, Excellence).

The Valedictorian Selection Committee, made up of the Scholarship Committee members, will choose the Springbank Community High School Valedictorian each year. The Valedictorian will be the student with the most points out of 100 points, awarded using the following criteria and process. Ties will be broken by the students' academic score or possible interview.

**CRITERIA:**

**Academic achievement (70 points maximum)**

Scholastic averages for Valedictorian nominees will be determined by using Canadian University General Admission Requirements (English 30-1, 3 Approved Academic Courses, and 1 Approved Academic Course or Approved Option).

Please note that students who took English outside of the province (MEI/Blythe) do not qualify. The levels achieved in Semester I and at the mid-term of the second semester (**April 11, 2025**) will be the benchmarks used for this calculation. The top student will be awarded 70 points. Other students will receive a score based on how far apart their average is from the top student's average.

**Canadian University General Admission Requirements**

English 30-1

3 Approved Academic Courses

1 Approved Academic Course/ Approved Option

Approved Academic Courses	Approved Course/Option
Aboriginal Studies 30	Fine Arts (Art 30, General Music 30, Instrumental Music 30, Drama 30)
Any 5-credit second language or language and culture course at the 30-level	Physical Education 30
Biology 30, Chemistry 30, Physics 30, and Science 30	Social Studies 30-2
Math 30-1, 30-2 and 31	2 combined three-credit courses ie: Western World History 30, World Geography 30, Applied Sociology 30, Experimental Psychology 30
Social Studies 30-1	

**I. Involvement/Character/Video/Short Essay (30 points maximum)**

A. CLASSMATE (4 points maximum)

Each student will be scored out of 4 on the number of years they attended Springbank Community High School.

B. PARTICIPATION (10 points maximum)

Each student will be scored on the number of **school** activities in which they participated. The criteria will be set i.e. adequate participation vs. simple attendance and would be verified by the respective Staff Advisor. The student would be responsible for reporting, on a form, the activities in which they are involved and the time commitment.

C. CHARACTER (10 points maximum)

Each candidate will be required to submit, on the proper form, examples of helping others and contributions to the betterment of the **school** community. This will include three references from staff and/or peers attesting to the student's caring, ethics, and integrity. **At least two of the references must be from staff members and sent directly by the staff member to the committee at [jwilhelm@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:jwilhelm@rockyview.ab.ca).** Students must give staff members at least 2 weeks advance notice.

D. VIDEO (3 points maximum)

Each candidate will be required to submit a video of around 1 minute (MAX 2 minutes) on the topic of their Valedictorian Address and the focus of what they'll speak at in their speech.

E. PARAGRAPH / ESSAY (3 points maximum)

Each student must provide a brief paragraph, 250 words or less, answering the question: Why do you think you should be selected as the valedictorian of Springbank High School's 2025 Graduating Class?

# Valedictorian Selection Score Sheet

## Participation (x2)

Excellent	5	This student makes significant contributions in several school activities and is a participant in others or makes an outstanding contribution in one activity and is a participant in others.
Very Good	4	This student participates in several school activities and makes a significant contribution in at least one.
Satisfactory	3	This student participates in several school activities.
Limited	2	This student attends some school activities, but participation is limited.
Poor	1	This student may attend an occasional school activity with little or no significant participation.
	0	No attendance or participation in school activities.

## Character (x2)

RISE: Responsibility, Integrity, Strength, Excellence  
Examples of RISE characteristics are respecting deadlines, being on time for class, actively participating, etc.

Excellent	5	This student makes a significant contribution to the betterment of the school and demonstrates RISE characteristics. References are complete and portfolio strongly supports the student's contribution.
Very Good	4	This student documents several examples of contributions to the betterment of school and demonstrates RISE characteristics. References are complete and portfolio is above average.
Satisfactory	3	This student demonstrates some examples of contributions to the betterment of school and demonstrates some RISE characteristics. References and portfolio are submitted.
Limited	2	This student demonstrates limited examples of contributions to the betterment of school and RISE characteristics. References and portfolio may be incomplete.
Poor	1	This student demonstrates few examples of contributions to the betterment of school and RISE characteristics. References and portfolio are missing or very incomplete.
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# Sample Application Format

## Academic Achievement 70 points maximum

COURSE	ELA 30-1					AVERAGE
Mark						
C-complete E-enrolled						

## I. Involvement/Character/Video/Short Answer 30 points maximum

- A. Classmate (4 points Maximum)
- B. Participation (10 Points maximum)
- C. Character (10 points maximum)
- D. Video (3 points maximum)
- E. Short Essay – 250 words or less (3 points maximum) **“Why do you think you should be Valedictorian?”**