

Valedictorian CRITERIA & CHECKLIST

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The Valedictorian will write and deliver a formal address to all fellow graduating students, faculty, honored guests, friends, and family attending Convocation. This honour will be bestowed upon one graduating student of University College of the North The Pas Campus and one graduating student of University College of the North Thompson Campus. Selection is based on acceptable academic standing (GPA of 2.0 or higher) and involvement in university/college extracurricular activities. Candidates must be a graduand of University College of the North Class of 2025 of either The Pas or Thompson Campus, have strong public speaking skills and have applied to attend Convocation. All students who meet the criteria are eligible to be nominated.

Recommendation letters, two peer and one instructor, detailing how the nominee meets the criteria **must** accompany a completed UCN Valedictorian Nomination Form. Nominations can be made by an instructor, peer or UCN staff member; self-nominations will not be accepted. Please note: only successful candidates selected to represent the Graduating Class of 2025 as Valedictorian for The Pas and Thompson Campus will be contacted. Deadline for nominations is **4:30 pm (CST) on April 16, 2025**.

Eligibility

The Pas/Thompson Campus Graduating Students

Specific Instruction

Thompson Campus Students:

Completed UCN Valedictorian Nomination Form and required documentation must be received by 4:30 pm (CST) on April 16, 2025. The completed nomination package can be emailed to: emmckay@ucn.ca, mailed/delivered to: University College of the North, Attention: Emerald McKay, Learners' Assistance Centre Coordinator, 55 UCN Drive, Thompson, Manitoba, R8N 1L7, or faxed to: (204) 677-6416.

For more information, please contact Emerald McKay, Learners' Assistance Centre Coordinator for University College of the North at (204) 677-6402 or e-mail emmckay@ucn.ca.

The Pas Campus Students:

Completed UCN Valedictorian Nomination Form and required documentation must be received by 4:30 pm (CST) on April 16, 2025. The completed nomination package can be emailed to: mballantyne@ucn.ca, mailed/delivered to: University College of the North, Attention: Michelle Ballantyne, Financial Awards Officer, Box 3000, The Pas, Manitoba, R9A 1M7, or faxed to: (204) 627-8514.

For more information, please contact Michelle Ballantyne, Financial Awards Officer for University College of the North at (204) 627-8517 or e-mail mballantyne@ucn.ca.

CHECKLIST:

- selection is based on acceptable academic standing (GPA of 2.0 or higher)
- selection is based on involvement in university/college extracurricular activities
- candidates must be a graduand of University College of the North Class of 2025 of either The Pas or Thompson Campus
- candidates must have strong public speaking skills
- candidates must have applied to attend Convocation; attach proof/confirmation of application for graduation
- completed UCN Valedictorian Nomination Form
- two peer recommendation letters (each typed) detailing how the nominee meets the criteria must accompany the UCN Valedictorian Nomination Form
- one instructor recommendation letter (typed) detailing how the nominee meets the criteria must accompany the UCN Valedictorian Nomination Form
- completed nominee introduction (see application)

Note: Decisions made by the UCN Awards Committee are final and not subject to appeal. It is the nominator's responsibility to ensure all forms are filled out completely and the application package includes all supporting documents.



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The Pas Campus & Regional Education and Training Centre Students

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Thompson Campus Students

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Valedictorian Nomination Form

-PRINT ALL INFORMATION IN BLACK INK ONLY-

NOMINATION FORM AVAILABLE IN ANOTHER FORMAT UPON REQUEST.

I wish to submit a nomination for the following: (please check one)

- The Pas Campus Valedictorian
- Thompson Campus Valedictorian

NOMINEE INFORMATION

First name:	Last name:
Student number:	Date of birth: (yyyy/mm/dd)
Mailing address: (street, p.o. box, city/town, province, postal code)	
Currently attending: <input type="checkbox"/> The Pas campus <input type="checkbox"/> Thompson campus	
University/college program of study:	Program length: (e.g. year 2 of 4 year program) year _____ of _____
Is nominee eligible for graduation this year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Anticipated graduation date: (mm/yyyy)
Has nominee applied to attend Convocation? (please attach proof/confirmation of application for graduation) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Phone: (H) () (C) () (W) ()	E-mail:
In signing below, I consent to let my name stand as a nominee for Valedictorian and I give permission for my photograph and information to be used in University College of the North marketing. Decisions made by the UCN Awards Committee are final and not subject to appeal.	
Nominee signature:	Date: (yyyy/mm/dd)

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

First name:	Last name:
Mailing address: (street, p.o. box, city/town, province, postal code)	
Relationship to nominee:	
Phone: (H) () (C) () (W) ()	E-mail:
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Nominator signature:	Date: (yyyy/mm/dd)

This personal information is being collected solely for use by the UCN Awards Committee comprised of instructors, staff, an elder and student at UCN. This information is protected by the Protection of Privacy provisions of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions about the collection contact the FIPPA Coordinator, Box 3000, University College of the North, The Pas, Manitoba, R9A 1M7, Phone 204-627-8500. Rev. 6/17/24

Valedictorian Nomination Form
NOMINEE INTRODUCTION

If you were to introduce the nominee as Valedictorian, what would you say? Attach a typed 250-300 word introduction about the nominee as he/she meets the criteria related to this award; please feel free to make any other comments you feel would be beneficial.

Attach typed nominee
introduction