



2026 PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE APPLICATION

Name: _____

CCBC ID: _____

Major: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

Tell the committee more about yourself by answering the following questions. Please attach them on a separate sheet, numbered and typed for the purpose of clarity. Include your name and ID # on each page.

1. Congratulations on achieving the goal of completing your degree at CCBC! What are your goals for the next 1–2 years? What are your goals for the 3–5 years beyond that?
2. Please tell us how you have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the following categories: leadership, academics, service, perseverance. Please provide specific examples.

*If you are selected as a finalist, you will need to prepare your commencement address for the selection committee. The speech should be between 3–5 minutes (approximately 400–650 words or 2–3 double-spaced, typed pages). Finalists will be presenting their commencement address to the committee on the day of their interview.

The selection committee will consider the following when making their decision of student speaker:

- Clarity of ideas
- Appeal to a broad audience and common experience of CCBC students
- Quality of speech content
- Length of presentation (appropriate word length)
- Extent to which the speech represents the mission and values of CCBC
- Speaker's delivery — well prepared, engaging, vocal variety, animated delivery, stage presence

*All applications must include a minimum of 2 letters of recommendation (maximum of 3). One letter **must** be from a CCBC faculty or staff member. Recommendations from family members will not be accepted.

Applications must be received by Student Engagement or emailed to tbatton@ccbcmd.edu no later than Friday, March 13, 2026 by 4:30 p.m.

A minimum GPA of 3.5 is required and 50% of graduation requirements must have been completed at CCBC. All applicants for the PDG must be available to participate in the final interview process, which will be held April 27–29, 2026. In addition, all applicants must have applied for graduation and be able to demonstrate that they are eligible for participation in the CCBC Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 31, 2026.

As an applicant for the PDG, you authorize the Dean of College Life and/or his designee to access your academic and conduct records to confirm eligibility and verify that all requirements have been fulfilled.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Office use only:

Received by: _____ Date received: _____