

*As a member of the undergraduate graduating class, you are cordially invited to apply to be this year's Millor Orator.*

In honor of the late Reverend William J. Millor, S.J., who served the University in a variety of posts over 28 years, representatives of the undergraduate community, along with a panel of faculty, staff, and administrators, select a member of the undergraduate graduating class to be the lone student presenter at the commencement ceremony. The Millor Orator is chosen from a pool of senior applicants who desire to be chosen as the only student speaker at commencement. Each applicant submits a written speech and other accompanying materials, and is judged based upon on- and off-campus involvement, leadership, and commitment to learning, as well as content, knowledge, and identification of the University's mission. Speeches should, at a minimum, loosely incorporate or reflect the Jesuit mission of John Carroll University. Applicants are also reminded that they will be acting as a representative of the graduating class, and thus should consider including shared experiences in his/her speech. Finalists audition their speeches in front of the aforementioned panel of faculty, staff, administrators, and students, who then choose the best student on the basis of speech content, knowledge, and identification of the Jesuit mission, as well as poise and presentation.

Applicants must be graduating and participating in the commencement exercises on Sunday, May 17, 2020.

In addition to the cover sheet that follows these instructions, candidates must also submit a resume, personal background information, and their commencement speech.

**All applications and accompanying materials are due to the Office of Student Engagement, located in Suite 201 of the Lombardo Student Center (above the bookstore), by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2020. No exceptions!**

Applications will be reviewed by the Millor Orator Selection Committee, and invitations to audition will be extended to our finalists on or before Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

Finalists will audition for the Selection Committee, consisting of faculty members, administrators, staff, and students, and must present their speech in its final form at that time. Those who audition will be judged on content, poise, presentation, and style. **Auditions will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.**

The Millor Orator will be notified by phone by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. All other finalists will be notified by e-mail.

If you have any questions about the Millor Orator application or selection process, please contact Elizabeth Poston, Graduate Assistant in the Office of Student Engagement, at (216) 397-4636 or [eposton17@jcu.edu](mailto:eposton17@jcu.edu).

Good luck!

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**Please attach the following to this cover sheet of your application and return to the Office of Student Engagement by Friday, March 20, 2020 at 5 p.m.**

*All accompanying materials must be typewritten.*

## **Part A: Resume**

### **Directions:**

Please include a copy of your resume.

## **Part B: Personal Background**

### **Directions:**

Please briefly answer the following questions in a typed response. Your overall answer for Part B should not exceed three (3) pages.

1. Please list your campus involvement at John Carroll University, and indicate those groups, if any, in which you hold/held leadership positions.
2. Please discuss your educational/career/service plans upon graduation from John Carroll.
3. As a Jesuit Catholic university, John Carroll inspires individuals to excel in learning, leadership, and service in the region and in the world. How have you been affected by this mission during your time at John Carroll University?

## **Part C: Millor Orator Address (Commencement Speech)**

### **Directions:**

A typed copy of your speech must accompany this application. Please consider the following factors when writing your speech:

1. Your speech should be 5 to 7 minutes in length.
2. You will be addressing students, faculty, staff, administrators, and families in your speech.
3. Initially, speeches will be evaluated for content, knowledge and identification of the University's Mission. Speeches should, at a minimum, loosely incorporate or reflect the Jesuit mission of John Carroll University.
4. Finalists will be judged further relative to poise, presentation, and style.