

# Valedictorian/Salutatorian Awards

## Graduating Class

**Eligibility:** All graduating seniors.

**Evaluating Committee:** Five members; chaired by EFCA director (The decision of the committee will be final.)

**Winners:** Announced at Senior Class Banquet.

**Application: (Deadline is the Thursday after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in April.)**

The application constitutes a cover page which includes student's name, address, email address and telephone number, followed by all information requested in items 1-5 under "Criteria." The total contents of the student's application should be bound in a report folder for final presentation to the EFCA office.

**Criteria for Evaluation:**

1. **Three letters of reference.** Letters may be submitted from a personal adult friend, a pastor, an employer, a volunteer supervisor, an instructor, a scout master, a Sunday school teacher, or a coach. (The letters should be included in the application packet, and not mailed to EFCA.)
2. **Community, church, school or volunteer service and/or ministry.** Describe the nature of the service and list dates and number of hours devoted each semester. Please note any type of leadership role that was held.
3. **Personal Testimony** and a Statement of **Charge to Classmates.**
4. **Work experience.** Describe the type of work and dates and number of hours devoted each semester.
5. **Academic record.** A transcript must be submitted with yearly grades for grades 9 through 12. Since grades will not be available for the last semester of the senior year by the application deadline, the final decision will not be made until all those grades have been submitted to the EFCA office no later than the **first Thursday in May.**  
**However, this is the only exception—all other application materials must meet the stated deadline.**
6. **SAT or ACT scores.** Include a copy of the score results with the application.

If chosen for this honor, you may be asked to deliver a 2-3 minute speech during graduation ceremonies or participate in some other way in the ceremonies.