

Rule No. 11.07.99.T1 Granting of Honorary Degrees



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Rule Statement

Tarleton State University awards honorary doctorates of letters to individuals who demonstrate exceptional academic, scholarly, artistic and/or philanthropic accomplishment which exemplifies the mission and scope of The Texas A&M University System (system); to individuals who have provided meritorious and outstanding service to the academic institution, the State of Texas, the United States, or to humanity at large; and/or to persons whose lives serve as examples of Tarleton State University's aspirations for its students.

Reason for Rule

This rule specific to Tarleton, provides guidelines in granting of honorary degrees and supplements System Policy *11.07 Granting of Honorary Degrees*.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. Nominations and Approvals
 - 1.1 Nominations for honorary degrees may be made by the faculty, the administration, or the Board of Regents (Board), by filing a completed, appropriate form with the Office of Academic Affairs. The selection committee will determine the information and documents necessary for a complete dossier.
 - 1.2 Nominations for honorary degrees will be submitted to the vice president for institutional advancement for organization and review in order to verify that the dossiers for nominees are complete and accurate.
 - 1.3 The verified dossiers will be forwarded to the provost and vice president for academic affairs for additional review prior to submission to the university selection committee.
 - 1.4 Upon approval by the selection committee, nominations will be submitted to the president for review and approval. Nominations must be submitted to the president no less than four (4) months prior to the date proposed for award of the degree.

1.5 Upon approval by the president, nominations are submitted to the chancellor and board for approval and authorization to award the honorary degree.

2. Selection Committee

The selection committee will be appointed annually by the president. It will be representative as follows:

- the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs (chair)
- the vice president for institutional advancement
- a dean of one of the colleges (two-year appointment, with a rotation of college)
- a full professor (two-year appointment, with a rotation of college)
- an associate professor (two-year appointment, with a rotation of college)
- the president of the Faculty Senate
- the vice president for student life or designee

3. Limitations on Eligibility

3.1 Honorary degrees will not be awarded to current system employees, current board members, or individuals who have direct political, legal, or budgetary authority over Tarleton.

3.2 No honorary degree will be awarded in consideration of any past, present, or future gift or other benefaction to Tarleton.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Supplements System Policy [*11.07 Granting of Honorary Degrees*](#)

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