

Rule 11.07.99.T1 Granting of Honorary Degrees



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Rule Summary

Tarleton State University (Tarleton) awards honorary doctorates of letters, in accordance with The Texas A&M System (system) Policy *11.07, Granting of Honorary Degrees*, to individuals who:

- demonstrate excellence in the fields of public affairs, the sciences, humanities and the arts, scholarship and education, business and philanthropy, and/or social services which exemplifies the mission and scope of the system;
- have provided meritorious and outstanding service to the university, the state of Texas, the United States, or to humanity at-large; and/or
- persons whose lives serve as examples of Tarleton's aspirations for its students.

This rule is required by and supplements System Policy *11.07* and establishes guidelines for nominating individuals and granting honorary degrees at Tarleton in accordance with System Policy *11.07*.

Rule

1. Nominations and Approvals

- 1.1 Nominations for honorary degrees may be made by the faculty, staff, the administration, or the Board of Regents (board) and must be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs in writing with supporting documents attached. Nominations must include a letter of nomination explaining how the nominee meets the expectations for an honorary degree, as outlined in System Policy *11.07*, a biography not to exceed 1000 words, and the nominee's vitae/resume. Nominations may include other supporting documentation at the discretion of the nominator.
- 1.2 Upon receipt, Academic Affairs will notify the President's Office of the nomination and request appointment of a selection committee in accordance with section 2.
- 1.3 Upon appointment of a selection committee, the nomination and supporting documents will be forwarded by Academic Affairs to the committee chair to determine if all necessary information and documents are included for a complete dossier. Additional information and documents will be gathered, as needed, to

complete the dossier. Complete nomination dossiers will be forwarded by the committee chair to the vice president for institutional advancement.

- 1.4 Upon receipt of the nomination dossier, the vice president for institutional advancement will verify the nomination dossier is organized, complete, accurate, and the nomination is in accordance with System Policy 11.07. Verified nomination dossiers will be forwarded to the provost/executive vice president for academic affairs.
- 1.5 Upon receipt, the provost will conduct a final review and submit complete and verified nomination dossiers to the selection committee.
- 1.6 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 months prior to the date proposed for award of the degree.
- 1.7 Upon the president's approval, nominations are submitted by the president to the chancellor and board for approval and authorization to award the honorary degree.

2. Selection Committee

Selection committees will be appointed on an ad hoc basis by the president with the following representation. If possible, academic college representation should align with the candidate's academic background.

- provost and executive vice president for academic affairs
- vice president for university strategy and chief of staff or designee
- vice president for institutional advancement or designee
- academic dean
- full professor
- associate professor
- president of the Faculty Senate
- vice president for student engagement and success or designee

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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

Supersedes Tarleton SAP 11.07.99.T0.01, *Granting of Honorary Degrees*

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