

Rule 11.08.99.T1 Granting and Awarding Degrees Posthumously



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Rule Summary

Tarleton State University (Tarleton) may award a graduate or undergraduate degree posthumously when a student has substantially completed all requirements for the degree and was in good academic standing at the time of death. This rule supplements The Texas A&M University System (system) Policy *11.08, Awarding of Posthumous Degrees*, and outlines the criteria and procedures for granting and awarding degrees posthumously.

Rule

1. CRITERIA

1.1 Bachelor's Degree

- 1.1.1 The student should be enrolled at Tarleton in the semester in which the degree would have been conferred. In the case of summer graduation, enrollment in the first summer term meets this requirement. If the student lacked only one summer term to complete a degree but was not enrolled during the first term, anticipated enrollment during the second term would be judged as fulfilling the enrollment requirement.
- 1.1.2 In each case, the degree requirements would have been completed during the semester in which the student's death occurred.
- 1.1.3 The student's grade point average must be a minimum of a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale or have clear potential for academic good standing at the end of the graduating semester.
- 1.1.4 The degree is awarded only upon the recommendation of the student's major department head, the college dean, and approval of the departmental faculty.

1.2 Graduate Degrees

- 1.2.1 Enrollment requirements would be the same as set forth in Section 1.1 above unless the student was writing a thesis or dissertation.
- 1.2.2 If the student was writing a thesis or dissertation, all coursework must be completed with passing grades. Substantial progress toward the completion of the thesis or dissertation must be made.
- 1.2.3 The student must have a grade point average of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
- 1.2.4 The degree is awarded only upon the recommendation of the student's major department head, the graduate dean, and approval of the departmental graduate faculty.

2. PROCEDURES

- 2.1 The department head of the student presents the academic record and recommendation for awarding the degree to the applicable college dean.
- 2.2 If the dean concurs with the recommendation, the dean will forward the recommendation, along with supporting documentation, to the registrar, copying the provost, requesting a review and recommendation by the registrar.
- 2.3 Upon its review, the registrar will forward its recommendation to the provost or designee. If the provost concurs with the registrar's recommendation, the provost will forward the recommendation to the president.
- 2.4 The president makes the final decision on the posthumous awarding of the degree and notifies the registrar through the provost.
- 2.5 Degrees awarded posthumously are noted on the commencement program.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

A&M System Policy [*11.08 Awarding Posthumous Degrees*](#)

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