

## **Honorary Degree**

**Original Implementation:** October 18, 1988

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Stephen F. Austin State University may, on occasion, grant honorary degrees to individuals who have over an extended period rendered exceptional contributions to the university or the public interest through public service, philanthropic activity, intellectual or artistic performance, or leadership roles. Honorary degrees may not be awarded to individuals officially associated with the university at the time of the award or to individuals holding elective office unless they have achieved distinction in another field of endeavor.

Nominations for honorary degrees may be submitted to the president by faculty, staff, administration, or members of the Board of Regents of the university. Nominations will be evaluated by an advisory committee appointed by the president with representation from the faculty, staff, student body and administration. The committee will make recommendations to the president who, in turn, will consult with the chair of the Board of Regents. An honorary degree will be granted at a time appropriate to the circumstances.

**Cross Reference:** None

**Responsible for Implementation:** President

**Contact for Revision:** President

**Forms:** None

**Board Committee Assignment:** Academic and Student Affairs