

## Regents Scholar

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The title of Regents Scholar is the highest honor that the university may bestow upon a member of the faculty. The honor is reserved for faculty members who are exemplary role models to the university community. The title of Regents Scholar is not an academic rank, but an honorary title held for the duration of the recipient's service to the university.

1. Only tenured full professors and librarian IV are eligible for nomination. They must have served a minimum of five years at Stephen F. Austin State University and remain on active service during the academic year of the award. Previous recipients of the award are ineligible.
2. Faculty members are nominated on the basis of extraordinary merit in teaching, research/scholarly/creative accomplishment, and service. Evidence of exceptional performance must exist in each category.
3. A nomination may be submitted by any full-time faculty member. The nomination must be seconded by another full-time faculty member. The nomination and second are submitted by letters through the relevant academic unit leader and dean, then to the provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.
4. Upon acceptance of a nomination, the nominator and second will assist the nominee in preparing a dossier. The instructions for preparing and submitting the dossier can be found on the "Regents Scholar Award" page of the Academic Affairs website.
5. The provost and executive vice president for academic affairs appoints a review panel of six, with four from the ranks of former Regents Scholars (formerly titled Regents Professors) and deans, and with one full professor serving as an academic unit head, and one full professor serving as a faculty senator. The panel will reflect disciplinary balance. If qualified full professors are unavailable or unwilling, exceptions to the panel composition may be made by the provost and executive vice president.
6. The panel will review the dossiers and vote by anonymous ballot.
7. The provost and executive vice president for academic affairs will receive the ballots from the panel and, on the basis of the input, decide whether to recommend a nominee to the Board of Regents, through the president. The applications of nominees not selected will remain in the pool for two additional years.

8. The designation as Regents Scholar may be made only by the Board of Regents.
9. The recipient is awarded a Regents Scholar medallion, a framed certificate, and a one-time stipend.
10. The recipient will be recognized by the Board of Regents at the fall board meeting. The recipient will have the opportunity to participate as a member of the platform party during commencement ceremonies throughout the academic year of the award recognition.

**Cross Reference:** None

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