

REGENTS' POLICY  
PART X – ACADEMIC POLICY  
Chapter 10.03 -Degree, Certificate and Award Approval

P10.03.010. Degree and Certificate Candidate and Recipient Approval.

- A. Candidates for degrees and certificates approved by the ~~board~~ recommended by the faculties and academic deans, certified by the registrars as having met all applicable requirements for the degree or certificate, and endorsed by the respective chancellor and by the president. All degrees and certificates are conferred by the board.
  
- B. The official lists of degree and certificate recipients will be established by the chancellors immediately after the official closing date of each term. The combined lists for the spring and preceding fall and summer terms will be transmitted by the ~~president~~ board after the spring session. This official list of degree and certificate recipients will be presented to the board for their approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting.  
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P10.03.020. Honorary Degrees.

Honorary degrees may be conferred upon approval of the Board of Regents.

Nominations for award by a university campus will follow the process as outlined below

A. Criteria

The criterion for individuals to receive an honorary degree from the University of Alaska is evidence of a significant and lasting contribution to the university, to the State of Alaska, or to the individual's discipline or profession.

B. Campus Procedure

The chancellors of each MAU will establish a faculty committee ~~and~~ procedure for nominating individuals for honorary degrees that provides for an open process for suggesting prospective nominees, and respect for a prospective nominee's privacy. Each year the chancellors may forward the nominee's names and supporting ~~information~~ to the president. No current regent or current university employee ~~may~~ be a prospective nominee.

C. President Review

The president will investigate the qualifications and character of each nominee. The president may forward nominees for an honorary degree to the ~~board~~.

D. Board of Regents' Conferral

The board may award an honorary degree to a nominee. The board will confer each honorary degree at the MAU that grants the degree. An honorary degree may not be awarded in absentia, but may be awarded posthumously if the board approved the recipient before their demise.

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P10.03.030. Meritorious Service Awards.

Meritorious service awards may be conferred upon approval of the Board of Regents.

A. Criteria

The criterion for individuals to receive a meritorious service award from an MAU is evidence of significant public, academic, volunteer or philanthropic service to the MAU or one of its communities or to an Alaska community.

B. Campus Procedure

The chancellors of each MAU will establish a meritorious service award committee and a separate procedure for nominating individuals for meritorious service awards that provides for an open process for suggesting prospective nominees and respect for a prospective nominee's privacy. No current regent may be a prospective nominee. Each year each chancellor may nominate individuals to receive a meritorious service award and forward the names and supporting information to the president.

C. President Review

The president will investigate the qualifications and character of each nominee. The president may forward nominees for a meritorious service award to the board.

D. Board of Regents' Conferral

The board may award a meritorious service award to a nominee. The board will confer each meritorious service award at the MAU that grants the award. A meritorious service award may not be awarded in absentia, but may be awarded posthumously if the board approved the recipient before their demise.

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The type of honorary degree to be awarded should be one of the following:

Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)	for persons distinguished in general service to the state, to learning, and to humankind.
Doctor of Education (D.E.)	for persons who have distinguished themselves in the field of education.
Doctor of Fine Arts (D.F.A.)	for persons who have distinguished themselves in the fine arts, including artists and musicians.
Doctor of Letters (Litt.D.)	for persons distinguished in scholarly work of a somewhat restricted nature; usually conferred upon scholars in particular disciplines.
Doctor of Science (Sc.D.)	for persons who have made distinguished contribution and performed services in the sciences.
Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.)	for persons who have distinguished themselves in the humanities.

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#### R10.03.030. Meritorious Service Awards

Nominations for meritorious service award candidates may be made by members of the Board of Regents, campus advisory councils, members of the university community or citizens of the state. The MAU will acknowledge the receipt of such nominations to the nominator. The nominator may request to appear before the committee to speak to the nomination.

Ordinarily a meritorious service award will be conferred within the academic year in which it is approved. A chancellor may request from the president, postponement to the following year.

Nominations will include a brief statement of the following information on each candidate:

1. name and pertinent personal information;
2. outstanding service to the university and community;
3. rationale for recommendation for meritorious service award;
4. person making the nomination; and
5. supporting letters.

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