

# Shawnee State University

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The Shawnee State University Board of Trustees may award honorary degrees to individuals worthy of such recognition; therefore, procedures and criteria for making such awards are required.

Awarding an honorary degree indicates the high esteem in which the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees holds the recipient. To assure that only the most worthy or appropriate individuals receive honorary degrees, the following procedures and criteria shall apply.

## 1.0 Criteria for awarding honorary degrees

The Board of Trustees may award honorary degrees to individuals who have made significant contributions to society, typically to higher education and scholarship, to the University, and/or to the State of Ohio. Attributes that nominees shall exhibit should include more than one of the following:

- 1.1 The nominee has some attachment or connection to the University and/or the State of Ohio.
- 1.2 The nominee has a statewide, national, and/or worldwide reputation.
- 1.3 The nominee has made significant contributions to the advancement or promotion of knowledge, typically to a discipline or field of study offered at the University.

## 2.0 Prohibitions

Honorary degrees shall not be awarded to persons serving in the following positions until three years after termination of such service:

- Shawnee State University trustees
- Shawnee State University employees

### 3.0 Degrees awarded

The following honorary degrees may be awarded:

- L.L.D. Doctor of Laws
- Litt. D. Doctor of Letters
- Sc.D. Doctor of Science
- L.H.D. Doctor of Humane Letters
- Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy

### 4.0 Time and number of awards

- 4.1 Normally, the University shall award honorary degrees at Commencement. The University may award honorary degrees at other times with the approval of the Board.
- 4.2 The number of honorary degrees awarded in an academic year shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

### 5.0 Nominations

Any university governance body may nominate individuals for an honorary degree. Nominations are normally reviewed and recommended by the President to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees for action.

Nominations must include a detailed description of the nominee and justification for awarding an honorary degree. Normally, the Board's Executive Committee shall receive nominations for potential honorary degree recipients not less than 120 days prior to the date on which the degree would be awarded. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to nominate and approve candidates for honorary degrees.

### 6.0 Confidentiality

The names of nominees and all deliberations and recommendations of the Committee shall be held in the strictest confidence until such time as the Board takes action.

### 7.0 Board action

The final decision to award an honorary degree rests with the Board of Trustees.

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