

STUDENT AFFAIRS, NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES

POLICY: 3601 Posthumous Degrees

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BOARD POLICY

A State College may, at the request of the immediate family of a deceased student and at the discretion of the college's administration upon the recommendation of the faculty of the college, award a posthumous degree if the following conditions are met.

PROCEDURE

At the time of his/her death, or at the time of withdrawal from the college due to medical necessity relating to a terminal illness, the student was:

1. enrolled and in good standing at the college; and
2. enrolled in and attending classes that, upon the successful completion thereof, would have fulfilled the degree requirements for the student's academic program and resulted in the granting of the degree at the close of the present semester.

The posthumously awarded degree shall be granted upon the request of immediate family for the term in which the degree would have been earned had the student been able to complete the courses for which he/she was registered. Request for conferral of a posthumous degree must be presented to the college of the student's attendance within two years of the death of the student. The granting of such degree shall be noted in the commencement program for the first term after approval of the posthumous award and becomes a permanent entry on the student's transcript.