

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES**  
**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION\STUDENT AFFAIRS, MARKETING, AND**  
**ENROLLMENT**

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*ACTION:* **First and Final Round Approval of Revisions to Board Policy 3601; Posthumous Degrees**

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Revisions to Board Policy 3601 allow the College Presidents the discretion to initiate the process for conferring a posthumous degree rather than requiring the request originate from the immediate family.

The System Office recommends approval of the Revisions to Board Policy 3601; Posthumous Degrees.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Revisions to Board Policy 3601 (PDF)

## Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

### Student Affairs

POLICY NAME: Posthumous Degrees

POLICY NUMBER: 3601

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#### A. PURPOSE

To establish the requirements for the granting of a posthumous degree to a deceased student.

#### B. DEFINITIONS

None

#### C. POLICY

##### 1. Eligibility

~~A~~The Colleges ~~may have the discretion to, 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.~~ ~~A~~at the time of ~~his/her~~the student's death, or at the time of withdrawal from the College due to medical necessity relating to a terminal illness, the student:

- Was enrolled in a degree bearing program and in good standing at the College; and
- Had attained senior status.

##### 2. Procedure

###### 2.1. Timeline

- 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~~the student was registered.
- The ~~request for decision to~~ confer~~al of~~ a posthumous degree must be ~~presented to~~made by the College of the student's attendance within two years of the death of the student.

## 2.2. Notification Process

- Prior to the granting of a posthumous degree, the President shall notify the Chancellor of plans to note the degree in the commencement program for the first terms after approval of the posthumous award or the term for which the degree is awarded, whichever is later.
- The degree posting becomes a permanent entry on the student's transcript.

### **FORMS/APPENDICES:**

None

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### **SOURCE:**

**Legal Reference:** Neb. Rev. Stat. 85-306 State Colleges; president; duties.  
Neb. Rev. Stat 85-308.01 State Colleges; degree of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science; confer.

**Policy Adopted:** April 1999

**Policy Revised:** March 2011, April 2018, January 2019, January 2023