

Shawnee State University

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1.0 PURPOSE

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 criteria and processes will be followed.

2.0 CRITERIA FOR AWARDING HONORARY DEGREES

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

2.1.1 The nominee has some attachment or connection to the University and/or the State of Ohio.

2.1.2 The nominee has statewide, national, and/or worldwide recognition.

2.1.3 The nominee has made significant contributions to the advancement or promotion of knowledge and/or the University mission.

3.0 LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY

Current University trustees and employees are not eligible to receive honorary degrees.

4.0 DEGREES AWARDED

4.1 The following honorary degrees may be awarded:

4.1.1 L.L.D. Doctor of Laws

4.1.2 Litt.D. Doctor of Letters

4.1.3 Sc.D. Doctor of Science

4.1.4 L.H.D. Doctor of Humane Letters

4.1.5 Ph.D. Doctor of Philosophy

5.0 NOMINATIONS

5.1 Any university governance body may nominate individuals for an honorary degree. The President may review and recommend nominations to the Board of Trustees.

5.2 Nominations must include a detailed description of the nominee and justification for awarding an honorary degree. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to nominate and approve candidates for honorary degrees.

6.0 BOARD ACTION

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

History

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