

Office of Academic Affairs Posthumous Student Recognition Guidelines

Tennessee State University (TSU) seeks to extend compassion and sympathy to the families of undergraduate students who pass away prior to successfully completing their degree program requirements. This is a moment to recognize the student's accomplishments for the work completed at TSU, as a gesture of thoughtfulness to the student's family. This policy is effective as of December 1, 2022.

Student posthumous degree requirements criteria:

- Completed 90% or more of the required degree
- Student's passing must have occurred during the current academic term
- Request must be submitted 2 months (60 days) prior to commencement
- Was enrolled in classes at TSU at the time of death*
- Was in good academic standing with a 2.00 GPA or higher

*If death occurred after end of term, posthumous consideration will be granted for the term immediately following—excluding summers.

A member of the University's faculty/staff or a family member of the deceased may request consideration for a posthumous degree. This request should be generated through the Academic College, reviewed for consideration by the Office of Academic Affairs and the Records Office with final approval made by the President's team. This petition does not guarantee posthumous degree approval.

Posthumous degrees will be awarded at the University's Fall & Spring commencement ceremonies. Deceased students may be recognized in the commencement program and during the commencement ceremony. The family members may request academic regalia.

DEGREE AWARD SHOULD READ:

Tennessee State University
recognizes the academic achievement of
Deceased Student's Name
a senior in good standing (Term) semester
for a Bachelor of Science/Arts/BBA Degree
PRESENTED POSTHUMOUSLY

Dean's signature/date

Provost signature/date

President's signature/date