

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Posthumous Diplomas

Policy No. A078

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INTENT

In the event of the untimely demise of a student who has been enrolled at Edinboro University, the University may choose to afford recognition of the student's academic attainment during his or her career at the University. Such recognition may take the form of a diploma.

POLICY

Upon the death of a student, the University may grant a diploma posthumously to the family if the student was in good academic standing. Following a degree audit, the appropriate Dean will evaluate the student's record as it stands at the time of death. For an undergraduate student, if the credits earned total sixty or less, an Associate diploma may be awarded. Earned credits over sixty may result in the awarding of a Baccalaureate diploma.

To be considered for a posthumous diploma, the student must have been in good academic standing, and have demonstrated a level of performance such that eventual graduation was likely. In addition, the student will have no disciplinary actions pending or dispositional history, and the death must not be as a result of illegal behavior by the student.

Pursuant to Policy A029, Death of a Student, the Provost will review the student's academic transcript to evaluate the appropriateness of a posthumous degree confirmation consistent with Commonwealth law, regulations, and Board of Governors Policy.

PROCEDURE

- A. The awarding of a diploma may be initiated by the University Registrar.
- B. The Office of the Registrar completes a degree audit on the student's record.

- C. The appropriate Dean reviews the degree audit and the student's progress, record, disciplinary or dispositional status (if any), and academic standing, and makes a recommendation to the Provost.
- D. The Provost provides a recommendation to the President, who must approve granting any posthumous diploma.
- E. Upon approval, the Registrar is responsible for printing the diploma, which will indicate that it is a posthumous award.
- F. The diploma may be mailed to the student's family with a letter from the President.

RELATED POLICY

A029, Death of a Student