

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

HONORARY DEGREES

The Honorary Degree is the highest award given by the University. The awarding of the Honorary Degree recognizes an individual of distinction, one who has achieved the highest level of skill and competence in his discipline. The awarding of an Honorary Degree is also an expression of the ideals of the University reflected in the recipients who are awarded, bringing honor and distinction to the University as well as the individual.

Honorary degrees are typically awarded at the May and December commencement ceremonies and, occasionally, at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Commencement. No more than three honorary degrees should be awarded at each of the commencement ceremonies.

Honorary Degree Nomination Guidelines

Suggested candidates to receive an honorary degree from Cleveland State University are those with the following characteristics:

1. Distinguished alumni of CSU
2. Distinguished people who have a significant connection to CSU
3. Distinguished people who have a strong connection to Cleveland or NE Ohio
4. People who have made a significant contribution to higher education
5. People whose reputation locally, nationally, or internationally will enhance the reputation of CSU and serve as an example to its students
6. A distinguished emeritus faculty member who
 - Has achieved the highest level of skill and competence in his/her discipline
 - Has extraordinary achievements in teaching, research and service at Cleveland State University
 - Serves as an aspirational and inspirational role model for Cleveland State's students
 - Has sustained and long-lasting scholarly contributions

In order to avoid the appearance of being self-serving, the following individuals are excluded from consideration, with exceptions noted:

1. Current employees or degree-earning students of CSU
2. Current members of the Board of Trustees, except those who are in their last year of service on the Board or later
3. Current political office holders, with exceptions for local, state, national or international leaders whose achievements or extraordinary support for the University merit consideration

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Information and Documentation Required for Submission of Nominations for an Honorary Degree

1. A formal nomination consists of the following:
 - a written narrative letter from an individual with a connection to CSU, stating the significant achievements of the nominee and why the individual is deserving of the University's highest honor
 - biographical and other information supporting the nomination
 - a second letter of recommendation (not from the same college or department)
 - name, address and phone number of nominee or contact in the case of posthumous award

Nominations should be directed to:

Chair, University Honorary Degree Committee
Office of the Provost
c/o Michael Artbauer (m.artbauer@csuohio.edu)
Cleveland State University
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