

6.5.1.1. OFTC Criteria for Conferring of the Posthumous Awards Procedure

The posthumous degree, diploma, technical certificate of credit award procedure applies solely to the students who meet the below listed criteria.

The final decision on the awarding of posthumous degrees, diplomas or technical certificates of credit is made by the Oconee Fall Line Technical College (OFTC) President.

Criteria for Awarding of the Posthumous Degree

- The student was enrolled at OFTC during the current academic year at the time of death.
- The student must have completed all of the requirements for his/her selected program of study at the time of death.
- The student was in good standing at the college.
- An exception may be granted to a student who was serving in the armed forces.

Recommendation Process

- Any member of the college community or member of the family of the deceased may recommend a student, who meets the procedure's criteria at the time of his/her death, for consideration of conferring the posthumous award.
- If the request for consideration is initiated by someone who is not a member of the family of the deceased, the vice president of student affairs must obtain from the student's family approval of the request for consideration. The written request for consideration of the posthumous award must be made within 12 months of the student's death.
- The request must be submitted to the vice president of student affairs who will first verify the death of the student and verify his/her enrollment status and academic standing at the College. Once this has been verified, the vice president of student affairs will oversee the progress of the consideration and approvals for awarding the degree, diploma or technical certificate of credit.

Conferral of Degree, Diploma or Technical Certificate of Credit

A posthumous degree, diploma or technical certificate of credit will customarily be conferred at the next scheduled commencement and presented to a member of the student's family or his/her representative. Families who choose to attend commencement will be provided reserved seating. The commencement program will note that the degree was presented posthumously.

However, no posthumous designation will be indicated on the transcript or award. Any graduation fees will be waived.

Administrative Actions

The vice president of student affairs certifies that the criteria for granting the posthumous degree or special recognition award have been met; oversees the progress for approval of the award; meets with the president for final approval of the award; makes arrangements with the family for commencement exercises, and notifies the registrar of how the student's name and award will be listed in the program.

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