

**NEVADA SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
HANDBOOK**

**Title 4 - Codification of Board Policy Statements**

**Chapter 1**

**GENERAL POLICY STATEMENTS**

**Section 14. Distinguished Nevadan and Honorary Degree Nominations**

1. Consistent with the provisions of this section, the chancellor shall provide guidelines for the nomination of Distinguished Nevadans and honorary degrees.
2. Nominations for Distinguished Nevadans may be made by:
  - a. The Regents representing Districts 1, 2, 7, 8, 10 and 12 no sooner than November 15 and not later than December 31 during an even numbered year.
  - b. The Regents representing Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11 and 13 no sooner than November 15 and not later than December 31 during an odd numbered year.
3. In addition to the nominations made pursuant to subsection 2, under extraordinary circumstances, the Board Chair may recommend an individual for nomination by the full Board of Regents to receive the award of Distinguished Nevadan. Such a nomination must be approved by the Board.
4. The Board of Regents shall make the award on or before March 31 of the academic year in which the nomination is made.

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**CHAPTER 8**

**DEGREES AND AWARDS**

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1. Distinguished Nevadans

- a. Nominations for the award of Distinguished Nevadan will be made by the Board of Regents pursuant to the Board of Regents *Handbook* (Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 14). Nominations must be received by the Chief Executive Officer of the Board no later than December 31 of each academic year. The Board of Regents shall make the award on or before March 31 of each academic year.
- b. The purpose of the awards is to recognize prominent individuals who are present or former residents of the state for their significant achievements contributing to the cultural, economic, scientific, or social advancement of Nevada and its people; or for exceptional service to the state or nation that has influenced constructively the well-being of humankind. Persons currently holding public elective office shall not be eligible to be nominated for Distinguished Nevadan, except that the Board of Regents reserves the right to waive this limitation at its own discretion in extraordinary circumstances.
- c. These awards shall normally be given at Spring commencement exercises.