

**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

Section 1. Distinguished Nevadan and Honorary Degree Nominations

2. Honorary Degrees

- a. Nominations for honorary degrees shall be made to the Board of Regents by the president for any degree that is officially offered by the requesting institution.
- b. Honorary degrees may, at the discretion of the president and with approval from the Board of Regents, be conferred at any time during the year at an appropriate ceremony. No more than two honorary degrees will be conferred at each institution's commencement ceremony unless otherwise approved by the Board.
- c. Honorary degrees may be awarded to persons who have made significant contributions to the improvement of the quality of academic programs and academic life at the requesting institution, or to distinguished visitors. Persons currently holding public elective office shall not be eligible to be nominated for an honorary degree, except that the Board of Regents reserves the right to waive this limitation at its own discretion in extraordinary circumstances.