

Policy Number	Policy Title
BP6.14	Posthumous Award of Degree or Certificate

The Trustees of Orange County Community College shall consider the posthumous award of a degree for a student who has met the following established criteria:

1. A request to consider the student for a degree or certificate is brought forward by a family member, survivor, or legal representative of the student; or a College representative (department chair, AVP or Provost). Any requests made by a College employee must include consent from a family member, survivor, or legal representative.
2. the student is deemed to have been in good academic and conduct standing at the time of death
3. the student had completed a minimum of 30 credits toward a degree, with at least six credits completed at SUNY Orange

The College President, or designee, may approve exceptions to cases that do not meet the above criteria. The College may also consider alternate honors for those who do not meet the above criteria and for whom an exception is not approved by the College President.

The Board of Trustees directs the President to develop such procedures as to fairly implement this policy.

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