NOMINATION FOR AN HONORARY DEGREE
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING NOMINATIONS FOR AN HONORARY DEGREE

1. Submit information **summarizing** the nominee's qualifications.

2. The following **guidelines** apply to nominations:

a. An honorary degree is awarded to a living individual who has achieved extraordinary distinction in a career that has affected the lives of others, particularly though scholarly achievement, through public service, or through philanthropy.

b. Scholarly achievement is recognized for individuals who have achieved national or international recognition by authorities in the fields of their contributions, such as agriculture, food and life sciences, architecture, arts, sciences, business, allied health, education, engineering, law, or other professions. Please note: the field in which a nominee's achievements are to be recognized should be one that is represented in the undergraduate or graduate curricula of the University of Arkansas.

c. Public service or philanthropy is recognized when it demonstrates such a unique, personal, and significant contribution to education, to the university, to this or another state, to this or another nation, to the international community, or to humanity to justify the award of the highest distinction of this university.

d. Nominations should be made only of a person whose life and works demonstrate exceptional commitment and dedication to the ideals and purposes of a university.

e. Nominations are particularly sought of individuals with a current or prior relationship to this university or to this state, but nominations are also sought of individuals without such a relationship but whose contributions to scholarship, service, or philanthropy would justify this university's recognition of their achievements.

f. Nominations are confidential. The nominating individual and any contributors of supporting documentation are requested to keep the fact of the nomination from the nominee.

g. Once nominated, an individual automatically remains an active nominee for three years. No further action is required for a nomination to be considered by the committee within those three years.

3. The committee welcomes all eligible nominees; however, some **restrictions** apply.

a. No honorary degree shall be conferred *in absentia.*

b. No person shall be recommended by the committee for an honorary degree while being a member of the Board of Trustees, or who is an active officer, faculty member, or staff member of the University, unless the nominee has tendered a resignation for retirement, is an emeritus member of the faculty, or is active only in a similar capacity.

c. No person shall be recommended for an honorary degree while being a candidate or an elected incumbent of a public office in Arkansas unless the nominee has tendered a

resignation for retirement, is in the final year of a final term of office or is active only in a similar capacity.

d. No person shall be recommended for an honorary degree for outstanding achievement in an academic discipline or field that is not represented in either the undergraduate or graduate curricula of the University of Arkansas.

4. In addition to the attached nomination form and cover sheet, please include the following:

a. A **narrative** letter should be submitted giving the training; experiences; activities, professional and general; appointments and offices; distinctions and awards.

b. A **biographical** sketch should be included to provide information about the nominee.
c. Where appropriate, a **bibliography** should be included.

d. Supporting letters of **recommendation** from persons other than the nominator also can be included.

1. Nominations will be solicited each year by the committee chair. Nominations and supporting documentation should be submitted to the committee chair no later than February 16, 2026.

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NOMINATOR:

Name_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip Code_____

Telephone_____

E-mail_____

Date_____

NOMINEE:

Name_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip Code_____

Telephone_____

E-mail_____

Profession_____

NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS (include attachments if necessary)

1. To the nominee's business or profession:

2. To the nominee's community:

3. To education in general:

4. Other information:

Attach additional information, if necessary. Nominations and documentation are due to the committee chair no later than February 16, 2026.