

## **Posthumous Degree Policy**

**Approved by President's Cabinet 5/27/14**

In appropriate circumstances, East Georgia State College may honor an undergraduate student by granting a degree posthumously. This status will be reserved for those students who have made substantial progress toward completion of degree requirements as indicated below. The process for granting the posthumous degree will begin with the Student Affairs – Records Office upon notification and confirmation the student's death. If, at the time of death:

1. The student is within 15 credit hours of completing their degree requirements.
2. Student has earned a minimum of 25 earned hours completed with EGSC.
3. The student's EGSC (cumulative) grade point average was at least 2.0.
4. Upon notification from the student's family, the Student Affairs Director of Records will formally notify the College President, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Vice President for Student Affairs and provide academic information concerning the student.
5. If permission is granted by the College President to award the degree, the Student Affairs – Records Office will ensure that the student's name is included in the next commencement exercises or the ceremony of the family's choosing.
6. The President will notify the student's family of the granting of the degree and invited to attend the next upcoming ceremony (confirmation by the family is necessary). If the family is unable to attend due to the close proximity of the ceremony and the date of the student's death, the family will be invited to the next available graduation ceremony.
7. The President's Office will notify the Student Affairs – Records Office of the family's decision.
8. In cases where the family chooses not to attend the commencement exercise, the diploma will be mailed to the deceased student's last permanent address.

A certificate of attendance shall be issued to the families of deceased students who have attended EGSC but do not meet the qualifications for a posthumous degree.

On the transcript the degree name and program appears with "Awarded Posthumously" but will not appear on the diploma.