

Procedure for awarding a Posthumous Degree

Upon request from a family member, Minnesota State University Mankato will consider awarding a posthumous degree to a student who was within one semester of completing degree requirements at the time of his or her death.

The decision to award the degree will be made by the Vice President of Academic Affairs, in consultation with the Office of the Registrar.

If a decision is made to award the degree, the Office of Academic Affairs will contact the family of the deceased student and ask them if someone would like to accept the diploma on the student's behalf at the ceremony. The degree would then be awarded during the commencement ceremonies. The student's name would be listed in the commencement program among the names of all the other students graduating with that particular degree, but the comment "awarded posthumously" would be placed by the student's name. When the student's name is read, his/her parent, or someone the parent designates, would walk across the stage to receive the diploma.