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The Scholastic Recognition Committee and Office of the Registrar, in cooperation with the academic programs of the college, coordinate and conduct the Lamp of Knowledge award presentations for associate degree, technical diploma and adult high school programs. Held in conjunction with the Scholastic Recognition Ceremonies held each fall and spring, faculty of the college are invited to nominate honor graduates enrolled in their programs for the Lamp of Knowledge.

The award is presented to student recipients at the **Honors Award Ceremony**.

To be eligible for a special recognition award, a student must have:

- **been enrolled in an associate degree, technical diploma or adult high school program;**
- **applied for and are eligible to graduate with honors during the same semester they are being nominated; and**
- **been nominated for the award by the faculty of the program from which he/she is graduating.**

Students meeting the eligibility criteria will be notified of their eligibility when they receive the Scholastic Honors Recognition acknowledgement card by mail.

Each honor graduate's name, program and campus are recorded on a master list that is distributed to the faculty and academic staff of the district in fall and in spring for their information and evaluation. The faculty will be required to select its special recognition award recipient from this list of graduates. They must weigh a number of qualifying factors when evaluating prospective award recipients, including leadership and professionalism, extracurricular involvement related to their academic program, community involvement, class contributions, study and work habits, and grade-point average.

Note: Participation in the selection process for the special recognition award is at the discretion of each academic program's faculty. Only faculty may request and complete the nomination form.

Following their nomination, students selected for a Lamp of Knowledge award will be notified by the Office of the Registrar. Awards will be presented at the Honors Award Ceremony by a faculty member of the programs sponsoring the individual awards.

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Besides the special recognition accorded to the Lamp of Knowledge recipients in the form of a trophy and gift, Associate Degree students will also be automatically eligible to compete for district recognition and will have the opportunity to compete for the **Outstanding Graduate** honor. For information on this honor, click on the “Outstanding Graduate” link.

Note: If more than one honor graduate from an academic program is being considered for a special recognition award, the program’s faculty will meet to determine their individual selection. Typically, only one student from each program’s graduation class on each campus may be officially nominated to receive a special recognition award.

The fact that an academic program has honor graduates who are eligible for special recognition does not guarantee that an award presentation will be made. Each program’s faculty must determine for themselves whether or not a special recognition award is merited, and if it is, which student from among those who are eligible will be selected.

Therefore, honor graduates who are interested in being considered for special recognition and who would like to know more about their instructors’ intentions about the special recognition award process, should speak with them.

Honor students completing their studies in summer are eligible for spring special recognition nomination.