

**RULES
OF
THE TENNESSEE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 1540-1-7
OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD PROGRAM**

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1540-1-7-.01 INTRODUCTION.

- (a) These rules implement the provisions of Public Chapters 26 and 112 of the 1991 Public Acts and Chapter 92 of 1997 Public Acts (hereinafter called “the Acts”). These Acts provide community service recognition programs for postsecondary students and faculty/staff at both state and private two- and four-year colleges and universities.

Authority: Public Chapter 26 and 112 of the 1991 Public Acts and Chapter 92 of 1997 Public Acts. **Administrative History:** Original rule filed December 3, 1991; effective March 30, 1992

1540-1-7-.02 GENERAL.

- (1) *Definitions.* As used in these regulations (Chapter 1540-1-7):
- (a) *state college or university* means any institution operated by the University of Tennessee or the Tennessee Board of Regents which offers courses of instruction beyond the high school level (hereinafter called “public institution”).
- (b) *private college or university* means any institution within the Tennessee Independent College and Universities association which offers courses of instruction beyond the high school level (hereinafter called “private institution”).
- (c) *student* is defined as any person enrolled part-time or full-time at a Tennessee public or private two- or four-year college or university.
- (d) *teacher* is defined as any person on the faculty or staff at a Tennessee public or private two- or four-year college or university.
- (e) *community service* is defined as including volunteer work, public service, and charitable service, and leadership roles in community organizations.
- (f) *recognition program* is defined as an annual program through which outstanding students and faculty are recognized for community service.

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1540-1-7-.03 PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

- (1) The president or chancellor of each state and private college and university shall inform their faculty/staff and students of the community service recognition programs, for both students and faculty/staff.
- (2) Presidents and chancellors shall solicit nominations from administrators, faculty/staff, student and members of the public.
- (3) The Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission shall request presidents and chancellors to submit nominations in January of each year.
- (4) The Executive Director will appoint a committee to review the nominations and select outstanding faculty/staff and students to be recognized.

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1540-1-7-.04 RECOGNITION OF AWARD.

The Executive Director shall recognize these individuals at the spring Commission meeting and shall report the names and accomplishments of those recognized to the Governor, General Assembly and press.

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1540-1-7-.05 PRECEDENCE OF THE ACT.

These rules are subordinate to the Acts and are intended to facilitate their implementation. Any portion of these regulations which are adjudicated as contrary to law are to be considered null and void. All other portions of these rules shall be severed therefrom and considered in full force.

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