



## **Criteria and Procedures for Selection and Awarding Honorary Degrees**

### **PURPOSE**

No other degree is as widely recognized as the Honorary Doctorate Degree. Because of the honor and respect associated with this venerable title, long ago, in the U.S. it became the choice of many Divinity Schools, Seminaries, Universities, and religious groups when conferring honorary degrees.

The manner in which the Honorary Doctorate Degree is awarded at The Door of Favor is similar to that of its British counterpart thereby assigning this prestigious degree to its appropriate place among ecclesiastical doctorates. At the same time, it honors the historical and ecclesiastical precedents that are accepted by the Church at large. This ecclesiastical degree is not intended to compete with a traditional academic or professional doctorate. This is not an earned degree. If you would like to earn a doctorate degree, you may do so by enrolling in one of our doctorate degree programs.

The Door of Favor Theological Seminary awards the following honorary degrees:

- Doctor of Divinity, for contributions to the ministry
- Doctor of Sacred Music, for contributions to the gospel or sacred music
- Doctor of Humane Letters, for cultural contributions
- Doctor of Letters, for recognition of outstanding scholarship or other merits
- Doctor of Pedagogy, for contributions to teaching and education

### **CRITERIA**

- Must have at least 15 years of experience in their respective field.
- The candidate must be at least 35 years of age
- Must have a High School Diploma or GED
- Send copies of all degrees, credentials, licenses, or other documentation.
- Send a recent photo.
  - Write a one to two-page statement listing your qualifications and why you believe you or the candidate should be awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree.
- Prepare or present a typed two-page summary or resume of your work for the Lord and Portfolio showing proof/evidence showing work in the area for which a doctorate is requested,

including but not limited to using newspaper articles, photographs, videos, testimonials, and recordings of television and/ radio interviews.

- Secure the endorsements of three other ordained Ministers or other prominent Church leaders.
- Prepare a 25-page Essay/Research Paper on a topic chosen by the Dean of Administration or an approved topic chosen by the degree candidate. Scheduled academic guidance will be provided for you by a senior member of our faculty when preparing this Essay/Research Paper to ensure it is of excellent quality and meet proper academic standards.

## **NOMINATIONS**

Upon approval, all supporting materials must be sent to the Honorary Degree Sub-Committee who will review your documents submitted and make a final decision. You will be informed of this decision in writing within 30 days of submission of your documents. Materials may be sent by email to [admin@dooroffavorseminary.com](mailto:admin@dooroffavorseminary.com)

## **DONATION AND FEES**

There is a \$100.00 Administration Fee that must be submitted before the Honorary Degree process can begin. The Administration Fee in the amount of \$100.00 is due at the time of submission. This fee will be returned if the candidate is not approved. Please specify which Honorary Degree you are applying for when submitting an application.

If the candidate is not approved, we will offer you a free consultation and also send a detailed explanation and a suggested success path to assist you in your educational pursuit. You are free to reevaluate yourself, put plans in place to meet the required criteria, and resubmit your application for the next academic year. There is no limit to the number of times you can reapply, once you have made the necessary changes in the areas highlighted.

If you are successful and have received your approval letter, the donation for the Honorary Doctorate Degree is \$1,500.00. There are no payment plans available for this degree, the suggested donation amount along with the \$100.00 administration fee must be paid in full before the degree can be conferred or received.

No refunds will be given for donations made toward the Honorary Doctorate Degree. The cost of The Door of Favor Theological Seminary custom frame for your degree is an additional \$100.00 in addition to the suggested donation amount and the administration fee. The cost for all Academic Regalia associated with the graduation ceremony will be the responsibility of the degree recipient.

Payment can be made by money order or cashier's check made payable to The Door of Favor Seminary or by credit/debit card online by selecting the tuition tab on our website. We also accept payment from Western Union and Money Gram.

NOTICE When submitting your honorary request you must comply with the Honorary Doctorate Procedures. (NO EXCEPTIONS!!!) Please do not contact us if you do not meet the qualifications or if you are not ready to make the required financial contribution to receive this degree. This degree is NOT guaranteed once you apply, so assess the requirements and take all the time you need to prepare your documents and essay before submitting them to our Honorary Sub-committee.