

ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASS VALEDICTORIAN AND ENTRANCE TO THE ABHE HONOUR SOCIETY

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POLICY OVERVIEW

This policy details the selection process for the Class Valedictorian and ABHE Honor Society of a College graduating class.

PRINCIPLES

The principles of natural justice, clarity and transparency undergird this policy.

SCOPE

The policy applies to the College graduating classes of each academic year.

POLICY STATEMENT

I. Class Valedictorian

1. The student must have been in full-time resident study (12 credit hours) at Briercrest for at least four semesters, including one of the last two semesters before commencement.
2. The student must be in good standing in all areas of academic, campus, and community life.
3. Normally the student with the highest cumulative grade point average (and grade percentage) is selected for this honour. In the event of close academic standing, involvement in student life and leadership should be considered.
4. The faculty chooses from a minimum of three candidates recommended by the Registrar's Office.
5. The valedictorian is selected from students graduating from the four-year BA program. The college desires a valedictorian who best represents the college and the graduating class both in understanding and appreciation of the total program at the college.

II. ABHE Honour Society

A. Criteria established by Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE 1992)

Nomination to Delta Epsilon Chi membership is made by the faculty during the final semester before graduation. Not more than 7% of the graduating class for any given year may be nominated. Each college is allowed to nominate at least one qualified graduate for membership.

Scholastic Membership

1. Nominees must have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.3 on the 4-point scale or its equivalent.
2. Nominees must exhibit Christian character.
3. Nominees must exhibit leadership ability.

Honorary Membership

Alumni who have exhibited outstanding intellectual achievement, Christian character and leadership ability are nominated by the faculty for honorary membership provided ten years has elapsed since graduation.

B. Additional Criteria established by BCS

Scholastic Membership

- Not more than 7% of the four-year BA graduates are elected for this honour.
- The Deans Council serves as the nominating committee.
- The student must have been in full-time resident study (12 hours) at Briercrest for at least four semesters.

Honorary Membership

Honorary members are selected by the President’s Executive Leadership Team rather than the total faculty since faculty may be honoured from time to time.

POLICY STATEMENT

Related Forms/Policies	Graduation Policy Grade Scale Policy
Where is this policy published	
Contact Information	Registrar

