

COMMENCEMENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Cap & Gown

Each candidate for graduation is responsible for obtaining the approved academic regalia from the McMurry University Bookstore in the Garrison Campus Center (325-793-4832).

Announcements

Announcements can be ordered through Balfour at www.balfourcollege.com or by calling 1.877.225.3687.

Cords for National Honor Societies

Students who are members of nationally recognized honor societies will be allowed to wear honor cords as part of their academic regalia.

Candidates should contact their society's sponsor to obtain the appropriate cord.

Cords for McMurry GPA Honor Graduates (undergraduate students only)

Cords will be provided for students graduating Summa Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Cum Laude, and should be picked up at the Registrar's office when all surveys and forms are returned.

Graduation with Latin Honors (undergraduate students only)

Graduation with academic honors for undergraduate students is based on an overall GPA and consists only of McMurry University work. All courses completed at McMurry, including those in which a grade of "D," "F," or "WF" is earned, will be calculated in one's overall GPA, which is not rounded up. The standards for graduation with honors are as follows: Cum laude: 3.50 to 3.69; Magna Cum Laude: 3.70 to 3.84; Summa Cum Laude: 3.85 to 4.0.

A student must have completed a minimum of 57 semester hours in residence at McMurry University to be eligible for graduation with honors. Honors will be noted on your diploma and transcript, based on the final GPA calculation after all final grades are received and computed. Honors printed in the commencement program are based on the available grade point calculation at the end of the previous semester and are subject to change.

Graduate students are not awarded Latin honors due to the fact that a high GPA is the expectation for graduation. The graduate degree is, itself, considered the honor.

Pictures

A **professional photographer** has been contracted to take your picture as you cross the stage. Please inform your guests that pictures without flash may be taken from their seats only. We ask that guests do not enter the aisles to take pictures due to space and safety limitations.

Ceremony Decorum

The McMurry University Commencement ceremony is the formal recognition by the University of your achievement as a student. Please remember that any unwarranted personal celebrations in the public arena of the ceremony itself are inappropriate and may be unappreciated by your fellow classmates. Please ask your guests to celebrate your “walk across the stage” following the ceremony in such a way that will not detract from the dignity of the day.

Transcripts

Every effort will be made to post your degree to your transcript as soon as possible. Your financial affairs must be in order before official transcripts will be released from McMurry University.

Diplomas

You should expect to receive your diploma by mail in late June (May graduates) or late September (August graduates). Graduates residing in Abilene or fairly close proximity will be called to pick up your diploma in person from the Registrar’s office. Your financial and all other outstanding affairs must be in order before your diploma will be released from McMurry University.

Guest Lodging

May is an active time of year for visitors to the city of Abilene. Please have your guests secure lodging at one of the local hotels or motels as early as possible to ensure their accommodations for the weekend.



For questions or further information, please contact either:
Ms. Carolyn Calvert, University Registrar, or
Ms. Janet Chandler, Assistant Registrar,
325.793.3888.