

Barley Ring Eligibility Policy

Approved by the Board of Directors (May 10, 2021)

Background

The Barley Ring eligibility requirements were developed by the Alumni Association in consultation with the Dean's Office. The Barley Ring is an official trademark managed by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association at Dalhousie University's Faculty of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") and as such this policy must be approved and upheld by the Board. This policy replaces all previous policies related to Barley Ring eligibility and cannot be revised without the approval of the Board and the Dean's Office.

The Barley Ring is considered an alumni ring. Students in good academic standing and who are registered for courses in their final year or term of study will be evaluated under the following criteria for eligibility.

Barley Ring Eligibility Criteria:

Persons will be eligible for a Barley Ring if:

- a. They are in their final year of study of a Senate-approved diploma, undergraduate degree, or graduate degree at the Faculty of Agriculture.
- b. They have previously completed a diploma, undergraduate degree, or graduate degree at Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture or the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.
- c. They complete/completed a minimum of one year at Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture or the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and are/were admitted directly into and go on to complete a professional degree at another institution. Eligibility will be granted only upon completion of the professional degree (such as dentistry, veterinary medicine, engineering, law, pharmacy, social work, architecture, or others deemed appropriate by the committee).
- d. They completed two years of study at Nova Scotia Agricultural College prior to 1985 and then went on to complete a degree at another institution.

- e. They receive an honorary degree from the university.
- f. They are selected to receive an Honorary Barley Ring by the Barley Ring committee. See Appendix One for specific guidelines.

Purchase and Sale of Barley Rings

- a. Permission to purchase a Barley Ring is given by the Barley Ring Committee to the current graduating class upon consultation with the Registrar's Office. Candidates must be potential graduates as defined by the Registrar's Office.
- b. The Barley Ring committee approves vendors of the Barley Ring and any new vendors must go through an official tender process.
- c. Vendors of the Barley Ring must sign a formal contract with the university.
- d. Approved vendors must adhere to the Barley Ring Eligibility Policy and are not permitted to sell a Barley Ring without written permission from Dalhousie University by means of an official Eligibility Form.

Objection/Exception

- a. Any objection or exception to this Barley Ring policy must be submitted to the Board, attention to the Chair. If the Board cannot reach a majority decision, the item will be referred to the Dean's Office for a final decision.

Revisions

This policy is subject to review on an annual basis by the Board to ensure that new eligibility issues which may have arisen will be addressed in a timely fashion.

Appendix One: Honorary Barley Ring Policy

Section A: Purpose

The Honorary Barley Ring Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the committee”) recognizes that the person upon which to bestow an Honorary Barley Ring is a very important part of the Barley Party held annually. The purpose of this policy is to provide the fundamental guidelines by which the committee can assess whether or not a particular candidate(s) is deserving of this honour. This policy cannot be changed without the consent of two thirds of the Board.

Section B: Criteria

The committee, recognizing the exclusive nature of bestowing the Honorary Barley Ring, asserts that the Honorary Barley Ring recipient shall fulfill the following criteria, albeit subject to revision:

1. They must not already have a Barley Ring, or be eligible to purchase a Barley Ring based on the Barley Ring Eligibility Criteria outlined above.
2. They must exhibit outstanding contribution to the Aggie community, gauged in part by number of years/service to the Aggie community.
3. The nomination must be supported by a letter outlining the reasons why the recipient should receive a Barley Ring. Interpretation of the preceding criteria is subject to the discretion of the committee.

Section C: Selection Process

Nominations for the Honorary Barley Ring may be made by the Faculty of Agriculture Alumni Association, the Dalhousie Agricultural Students' Association, or the Faculty of Agriculture Dean's office. At least one letter of support must accompany any such nominations. Nominations may also be made by those external to the university and in this case the nomination must be accompanied by at least two letters of support.

The Board recognizes that a selection for Honorary Barley Ring is optional if the candidates presented, if any, do not fulfill the necessary criteria as set out by this policy.

Funding for the purchase of the Honorary Barley Ring(s) will come from the annual budget of the Alumni Association.