

# Commencement Ceremony Participation Policy

Graduation is one of the most rewarding experiences in our students' academic journey. To be awarded a diploma from the College, the student must submit an "Application for Graduation." It is recommended that students schedule a "Graduation Check" appointment with a counselor. A non-refundable \$15 fee is required for an Associate Degree or Certificate of Achievement. For students denied their degree/certificate, the fee may be applied to subsequent degree/certificate applications. Proof of payment is required for the fee to be waived for subsequent semesters. To participate in the annual Commencement Ceremony held in May, students may exercise their right to participate according to their eligibility described below:

Participation in the annual Commencement Ceremony at Leeward Community College will be based on the following criteria:

- Student must be within 9 credits of completing their degree or be otherwise able to complete their degree by the following Fall semester.
- Candidates for any Certificate must have earned, or be enrolled in, all of the requirements for the certificate.
- Candidates must have completed and submitted the online graduation application by the published deadline.