

Qualifications and Procedures:

Nominations for the Torch Awards are accepted from the entire FSU community and reviewed by the Torch Awards Committee, which recommends candidates to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee for confirmation.

Awards are given in three different categories:

- *Vires*: recognizing moral, physical, and intellectual strength
- *Artes*: recognizing appreciation of aesthetics and the beauty of intellectual pursuits
- *Mores*: acknowledging respect for customs, character, and tradition

There may be multiple recipients for any or all of the three awards in any given year; it is also possible that not all 3 categories of awards will be given each year.

Criteria for nominations:

- Nominees should have made an outstanding and sustained contribution to the university's academic mission in one or more of the areas listed above: *Vires*, *Artes*, *Mores*. Doing one's job well, even exceptionally well, does not satisfy this criterion.
- Nominees should be living and not on the university payroll. Posthumous awards are not given.

A "Call for Nominations" will be distributed to the faculty in the Fall Semester and will contain information about how and when to submit nominations. Nominations should document the nominee's accomplishments and contributions to the University's ability to fulfill its academic mission.