

CENTRE COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT REGALIA POLICY

This policy specifies the criteria and procedures for student use of regalia (cap and gown) as well as other symbols of distinction or ornamentation at Centre College commencement exercises. The College recognizes the importance of stoles in symbolizing academic achievement, participation in college activities, and celebration of identity.

Centre pays for your cap and gown. For modest extra cost, you may purchase a customized stole from the vendor. You may choose among four background color options for your stole, and then customize it with a variety of student club, organization name, varsity athletic team, scholarship cohort, and identity marker seals and logos. To complete your custom stole, visit www.jostens.com. Enter Centre College in the Find My School search. From the landing page, select Personalized Stoles and build your stole. Custom stoles will be delivered to the customer. Complete your order no later than 04/21/2023 to ensure on-time delivery.

If the stole options described above do not include a Centre affiliation group or social identity marker **or** do not adequately represent that affiliation group or social identity, permission may be requested to wear an alternative or additional stole or ornamentation. Centre affiliation refers to scholarship groups, affinity groups, academic societies or similar. Social identity refers to ability/disability, ethnicity, faith background, gender identity, national origin, race, and sexual orientation.

Permission requests are submitted to the Commencement Committee composed of fellow seniors, administrators, and faculty and staff members. The student or applying organization will be responsible for the cost of any such regalia. Your application (found below) must be submitted for review by 03/30/2023.

NOTE: All adornments must be school-approved and must not disrupt the formality of the occasion. No adornment may contain vulgar language or offensive images, draw undue attention to an individual person or group that would detract from the occasion, or include other inappropriate content. We believe that these guidelines are necessary to ensure that our commencement ceremonies are respectful and dignified. We also understand that our students have the right to express themselves, and we hope that you will use this opportunity to personalize your graduation regalia in a tasteful and appropriate manner. Students not in compliance with the requirements of this policy may be asked to remove and/or conceal any unapproved regalia adornment.

**APPLICATION FOR CENTRE COMMENCEMENT
ALTERNATIVE OR ADDITIONAL STOLE OR ORNAMENTATION**

Complete this form if (a) there are markers of a Centre affiliation group or social identity not included in the vendor stole options or (b) the vendor stole option does not adequately represent that affiliation group or social identity.

Centre affiliation group refers to scholarship groups, affinity groups, academic societies or similar. Requests from a Centre affiliation group must include the signature of the staff or faculty advisor/mentor to the group or organization. The stole or ornamentation must be uniform for the group; individual customization will not be granted.

An individual may request permission to wear a stole or other ornamentation to express a social identity. *Social identity* refers to ability/disability, ethnicity, faith background, gender identity, national origin, race, and sexual orientation.

The student or applying organization will be responsible for the cost of any such regalia.

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Applications must be submitted by Thursday, March 30, 2023.

You may email the application and attached photo to rachel.gause@centre.edu with the subject line *Alternative Stole Request* OR you may bring the completed application to the Office of Diversity and Inclusion by 4:00pm on March 30, 2023.

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- Request for: CENTRE AFFILIATION GROUP SOCIAL IDENTITY

- Name of Person Making Request _____

- Signature of Staff or Faculty Advisor/Mentor (if Centre Affiliation Group)

- REQUIRED: Attach a picture of the stole or ornamentation.

(200 word maximum)

Please explain why you are requesting permission to wear an alternative or additional stole or ornamentation beyond the options provided by the vendor. Please include the significance of the additional or alternative ornamentation to you or your Centre affiliation group. Be sure to explain why the options provided by the vendor are inadequate.