

Mortar Board Decoration Parameters

Decorating mortar boards is completely optional. Commencement is a very solemn and special ceremony and regalia worn by you on that day should reflect that solemnity. Caps will be reviewed by the room monitors on commencement day and they will notify you if your cap does not meet parameters.

What to decorate:

- Only the flat, top area of the cap may be decorated
- No decoration should restrict your ability to move your tassel from one side to the other
- Nothing should hang down from any of the sides
- Nothing should prevent your cap from staying on your head properly at all times during the ceremony

Allowed:

- Your graduation year
- Glitter, material, special paper
- Inspirational messages
- Appropriate photographs
- Thank you's to a friend, family member or instructor
- A Hinds registered student organization
- Your chosen career field

Not Allowed:

- Anything taller than ¼" high (No 3D objects such as flowers, stuffed animals, etc.)
- Advertisements
- Profanity or vulgar expressions
- Your cap CANNOT make noise (no bells, horns, etc.)
- Anything drug or alcohol related
- Anything threatening the safety and welfare of others
- Anything determined to be derogatory or offensive by the commencement team

What will happen if my cap is not decorated properly?

- You will not be able to participate in the ceremony until you have purchased another cap to wear. Barnes and Noble will be at the ceremony and you may purchase a replacement from them.