



**PUBLIC NOTICE – MTSU PETITION FOR WAIVER**  
**FORREST HALL NAME CHANGE**

Middle Tennessee State University, a locally governed public institution of higher education, hereby gives public notice of its intention to petition the Tennessee Historical Commission for a waiver that would allow it to rename Forrest Hall, a building on its Murfreesboro campus built in 1954 and officially named for Confederate Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest in 1958, to the Army ROTC Building. While under the governance of the Tennessee Board of Regents, the university initiated a request to rename the building, which the Tennessee Historical Commission declined to permit. The University, as authorized by its Board of Trustees, now petitions to rename Forrest Hall based upon changed circumstances in the law or facts which demonstrate a material or substantial need based on historical or other compelling public interest to justify the waiver petition.

A copy of MTSU's 2023 Petition of Waiver and supporting documentation will be available at no cost upon written request to the Office of the University Counsel, MTSU, 1301 East Main St., 209 Cope Administration Building, Murfreesboro, TN 37132. These materials will also be available at: <https://www.mtsu.edu/forresthall/index.php>.

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