

California Scholarship Federation

Freshman Orientation

CSF is the State Honor Society for high school students of California. The intent of this organization is to honor high academic achievement.

Who can join?

All students from grades 9 (see note below) through 12 who apply to the organization each semester and demonstrate high academic achievement.

When should a student apply?

At the beginning of each semester when grades for the previous semester have been posted is when a student should acquire an application from his/her English teacher and submit it to the CSF adviser. **This means 9th graders cannot apply until the beginning of the second semester at Clovis West High School.**

How does a student apply?

Normally, applications are available through the students' English classes. Students must fill out the application, attach a copy of their previous semester's grades, and pay dues during a chosen one-week period at the beginning of each semester.

How does a student qualify?

Students qualify according to a point system: "A" = 3 points, "B" = 1 point (AP and Honors classes only: "A" = 4 points and a "B" = 2 points, but students can only use two of these extra points each semester). They must achieve a minimum of 10 points. The first four points must come from academic grades only. Additional points may come from other elective course grades. Some course grades such as PE and Student Aide may not be used. See the adviser, Stephanie Perger in J2, for details.

Why join?

Membership in CSF is an honor and reflects well on a student's resume. Some California colleges offer scholarships based on Life Membership or Sealbearer status achieved as a CSF member. To become a Sealbearer, a student must show membership for a minimum of four semesters from sophomore through senior year; at least one semester must come from grades received during the senior year.

Sealbearers are granted special notation on their high school transcripts; their diplomas bear the gold seal of CSF; they earn CSF Lifetime pins when they attend the Academic Awards ceremony held for these students each spring; they have special honorary seating and wear the gold cords of Sealbearers at the graduation ceremony.

Each year CSF offers a major competitive scholarship based on membership and sustained community service; the Seymour Memorial Award is for graduating seniors.