

California Scholarship Federation (CSF)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: What is CSF?

A: CSF is a statewide organization started in 1921 by an educator who wanted to honor outstanding high school students by recognizing their academic accomplishments in tangible ways. There are now close to 1400 chapters throughout the state.

Q: When can I join CSF?

A: The first opportunity students have to join CSF is after term 2 of their sophomore year.

Q: Why can't freshmen join?

A: Students need to show grades earned from 10th – 12th grade.

Q: What are the benefits of joining CSF?

A: At graduation CSF Life members will receive a CSF lamp pin, golden seal on their diploma and transcripts, and a gold cord. CSF life members who participate in the community service project will also receive a gold stole. There are scholarships that CSF life members can apply for. There will also be field trips for CSF members.

Q: What is required for Life membership?

A: Joining CSF 4 of the 6 "semesters" between 10th and 12th grade. One of the semesters must be with grades earned during the senior year. "Semesters" are 18 week blocks so students will be able to join after terms 1 and 2 and again after terms 3 and 4. The earliest life membership will be awarded is after term 2 of the senior year.

Q: Does it cost money to join CSF?

A: We are asking for \$7 - \$10 donations for each semester to help with the cost of the awards. Students wishing to go on the field trips will need to pay for those trips.

Q: How do I join CSF?

A: Applications are in the library. Application deadlines will be announced. Complete application, make a donation to CSF at the student store, staple transcript (does NOT have to be an official transcript) and receipt of donation to application and turn in application to Mrs. Lew in the library.

Q: Can I use all 8 classes to earn the points needed to join CSF?

A: No, you may only use 5 classes. PE and TA do not count. See Lists I, II and III on back of application.

Q: Can I get more points for honors and AP classes when applying for CSF?

A: Yes. You may add 1 more point to grades earned in honors and AP classes. **No more than 2 of these extra points per application even if you have more than 2 honors or AP classes.**

Q: How will I know if I'm a member of CSF?

A: There will be a list of CSF members posted in the library. Check there to see if you are listed.