

The Adviser's Compass:
"Guiding Advisers and Students in a Changing World"

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CSF/CJSF

WELCOME





Finding your TRUE North

Advising Style and Strengths

Which direction best represents your advising style? And Why?

North

“The Leader” - You’re action-oriented and dive right in.

South

“The Supporter” - You’re deeply empathetic and student-centered.

East

“The Analyst” - You value data, details, and structure.

West

“The Visionary” - You see the big picture and love ideas.

Qualifications for CSF Semester Membership

To qualify for CSF membership, follow these guidelines:

1. **No more than five (5) courses** may be used to qualify.
2. A student must have taken a **minimum of three (3) courses from LISTS I and II; at least two (2) of these three courses must be from LIST I only.** (However, seniors applying at the start of their second semester or at graduation may use three (3) courses from LIST II and none from LIST I.) Additional courses may be taken from any LIST, including LIST III.
3. A student must earn a **minimum of 10 points in courses from any LISTS (I, II, or III).** The first four (4) *points* must be from LIST I (unless you are a senior applying for membership in January or May).

Seven (7) points must be either ALL from LIST I or 4 points from LIST I and 3 points from LIST II, and the remaining points may come from any LIST (I, II or III).

- 1. No CSF points are given for P.E., courses taken in lieu of P.E., subjects repeated to improve a grade, courses involving clerking and office/teaching assisting, and courses taken on a pass/fail basis.**

Membership



CSF points are granted as follows:

1. grade of **A** = 3 CSF points
2. grade of **B** = 1 CSF point
3. grade of **C** = 0 CSF points
4. grade of **D or F** in any course disqualifies the student from the current semester membership
5. One additional point shall be granted for a grade of **A or B** in **AP, IB, and UC Honors** courses on List I and II only, up to a maximum of two points per semester. No additional points shall be granted for any courses on List III. College/Dual Enrollment courses are not eligible for additional points for CSF membership.

Membership

Also remember:

1. Semester membership is based on work done in the previous semester.
Summer School and intersession courses may NOT count for CSF membership.
2. Students must reapply each semester.
3. Refer to the Approved CSF Course Lists For your school (Lists I, II and III).

Requirements for Semester/Trimester Membership

CJSF Membership is based on scholarship and is gained after qualifying grades are earned each semester/trimester. In order to become a member, the student must submit an application each semester the student is eligible. A point system specified in the CJSF State By-Laws establishes the membership requirements.

A student establishes membership by earning academic points. The number of points earned must be twice the number of academic subjects in which the student is enrolled, i.e., 10 points must be earned by a student enrolled in 5 eligible subjects, 12 points for a student with 6 subjects, etc. A minimum of 4 academic subjects is required.

Membership

- No CJSF points shall be given for Physical Education, courses involving clerking or office/teacher assisting, and courses taken on a pass/fail basis.
- Grades earned in summer school courses, repeated or remedial subjects shall not count for CJSF points, but grades in these subjects must be a C or better.
- CJSF students may become Honor Award Members. Those who qualify have the Honor Award seal placed on their certificate of promotion and are eligible to wear the CJSF gold pin.
- CJSF students may be disqualified from membership based on poor citizenship. It is the adviser and principal's prerogative to determine disbarment.

Membership

CJSF semester/trimester points are calculated based on grades as follows:

A = 3 CJSF points

B = 1 CJSF point

1 extra point for an A or a B in an AP, IB, or Honors-designated course, not to exceed two such points per semester/trimester

C or Pass = 0 CJSF points

D or F in any subject shall disqualify the student from membership for the semester/trimester.

No CJSF points shall be given for Physical Education, courses involving clerking or office/teacher assisting, and courses taken on a pass/fail basis.

Grades earned in summer school courses, repeated or remedial subjects shall not count for CJSF points, but grades in these subjects must be a C or better.

Meetings

- The goal should be at least monthly.
- Can happen before school, after school, lunches - whatever works best for you.
- Have officers plan the meeting with activities, etc.
- Also have officers keep track of meeting attendance



csf-cjsf.org: Resources available 24/7

- Menus
 - ⇒ Main menu
 - ⇒ Quicklinks
 - ⇒ Search icon
- Homepage
 - ⇒ Hero section large buttons for current events
 - ⇒ Scroll down for News
- Dig in and click around
- Reports for Advisers - csf-cjsf-hub.org
- Help: patricia@csf-cjsf.org



Essay Contests

CJSF

Di Giovanna Memorial Award

- Students must write an essay. (600 – 800 words)
- Submissions will be accepted beginning:
November 1st every year.
- Application deadline: **January 13th at 6pm every year.**
- Chapter must be in good standing. *Chapter dues must be current through June 30, 2025.*
- Essay prompt will be posted November 1.

More details can be found at
<https://csf-cjsf.org/cjsf-awards/>



Essay Contests CSF



Michelson Memorial Award

- All **Junior and Senior CSF** members may apply.
- Submissions will be accepted beginning: **November 1st** each year.
- Application deadline: **6 pm on December 22nd** every year.
- Advisers: Chapter dues must be paid through 2025-2026 and 2025-2026 course lists submitted prior to submitting essays.
- Essay prompt will be posted November 1. (800 – 1000 words)

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Volunteers



Break





Student Advisory Council

CSF Student Involvement



STATE BOARD

The State Board is made up of current and retired CSF/CJSF Advisers. There are a variety of opportunities available for those that want to serve on a grander scale. Contact Erin Woodward, State President if you are interested.

Email: erin.woodward@csf-cjsf.org



COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Local VFW Posts- helping with any events, serving dinner, light cleaning, yardwork
- Buddy Project with a nearby elementary school: reading with a younger grade, preparing for middle school presentations, kindergarten crafts/story writing (walking field trip)
- Justserve.org: this website provides info on any local projects,
<https://www.justserve.org/projects?displayView=list&volunteering=locally&radius=25&location=92329>
- Organize a school food drive or warming shelter drive (spoons, cups, hot chocolate, instant coffee, instant soups/noodle bowls)
- School positive posters, window marker notes, sidewalk chalk drawings/positive quotes
- Elder Centers-Coordinate with the site activity director, pairing with elders in doing crafts, playing Bingo or other activities planned by the elder center site.
- Staff Appreciation breakfast (breakfast goodies and hot drinks) - students and/or parents donate goodies, coordinate with local coffee shop (Starbucks always donates).
- Angel Card Project: Gathering students after setting up to volunteer. You will get a list of names.
- https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bX-2g_P47vxjbCJbldxc038kfK0xvgRK/view?usp=sharing

BREAK-OUT SESSION

HUHN/SEYMOUR

SEYMOUR:

- Advisers can nominate 2 Students.
- Application window opens January 1st, 2026
- Application window closes February 18th @ 6:00 PM
- Applicants must be available to attend their region's conference

BREAK-OUT SESSION

HUHN/SEYMOUR

HUHN:

- Students must be nominated by their CJSF Adviser. Each chapter may have two nominees.
- Nominations open: November 15th every year.
- Nomination deadline: February 25th by 6pm every year.
- Nominees must participate in their region's Huhn Workshop ([view Calendar](#)) to be considered for the financial award.
- Chapter must be in good standing. *Chapter dues must be current through June 30, 2025.*

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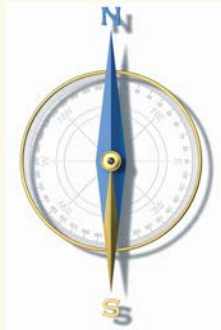
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