

CJSF BULLETIN



<https://csf-cjsf.org>

Fall 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year. This is always such an exciting and busy time for administrators, teachers, and students. It's when we set our goals and make our new school year resolutions with an unbridled optimism. Anything and everything is possible. As you begin this year, consider your CSF/CJSF chapter in those goals. How can your chapter continue to grow and be relevant at your school site? Is there a small change you can implement such as changing the color of your application paper to make it more visible or something larger like digitizing your entire membership process? At the very least, reach out to your Regional Vice President, the CSF/CJSF office, or me, erin.woodward@csf-cjsf.org. We are here to answer questions, provide support, or just say hi.

Thank you for working with your chapters and developing our State's Scholars for Service. It is because of willing and capable advisers such as you that the California Scholarship Federation has excelled for over 100 years. Let us know how we can be of assistance, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Please read and then save this newsletter for reference, as it includes essential information and dates for the entire school year.

Erin Woodward
CSF/CJSF President
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FALL ADVISERS' CONFERENCE IN PERSON

October 17, 2026 | Ambassador High School, Torrance

Planting Seeds of Excellence: Growing Scholars, Strengthening Chapters, Shaping the Future.

In person at River Valley High School, Yuba City

Cost: \$25 includes lunch

Register: <https://csf-cjsf.org/fall-advisers-conference/>

CSF ADVISERS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

September 2, 2026 | 5pm

Focus: Course Lists, Membership Drives, Dues, New Advisers

Registration on

csf-cjsf.org/advisers-workshops-virtual/

FALL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN PERSON

Planting Seeds of Excellence: Growing Scholars, Strengthening Chapters, Shaping the Future.

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 9:30-2 p.m. | Ambassador High School, Torrance

<https://csf-cjsf.org/student-leadership-conferences-in-person/>

7TH ANNUAL VIRTUAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

ON ZOOM: **February 6, 2027** | 9-11:30 a.m.

<https://csf-cjsf.org/student-leadership-conference-virtual/>

Mailing address: CSF/CJSF Central Office
28241 Crown Valley Parkway, STE F 201, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

2026-2027 Calendar

CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS

November 1, 2026 | Dues are due

CJSF ADVISERS' WORKSHOPS

VIRTUAL: September 24, 4pm

Course Lists, Membership Drives, Dues, New Advisers

csf-cjsf.org/advisers-workshops-virtual/

IN PERSON: October 17, 2026

Ambassador High School, Torrance
Planting Seeds of Excellence

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

IN PERSON: October 17, 2026, 9:30-2 p.m.
Ambassador High School, Torrance

VIRTUAL: 7th Annual Student Leadership Conference

February 6, 2027 on ZOOM

<https://csf-cjsf.org/student-leadership-conference-virtual/>

SPRING REGION AWARDS INTERVIEWS/CEREMONIES & CONFERENCES

March 6 | South Awards Event

Samueli Academy, Santa Ana

March 13 | Central Awards Event

Clovis High School, Clovis

March 20 | Central Coast Awards Event

Las Lomas HS, Walnut Creek

April 3 | South Central Conference

Santa Maria HS, Santa Maria

April 10 | North Conference

Western Sierra Collegiate Academy, Rocklin

AWARDS

DiGiovanna Award Essay Contest*

November 1, 2026 - January 13, 2027

Huhn Memorial Award*

November 15, 2026 - February 25, 2027

Panda Express Virtual Fundraiser

November 18, 2026

<https://csf-cjsf.org/panda-express-virtual-fundraiser/>

FALL ADVISERS CONFERENCE FALL STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Planting Seeds of Excellence:

Growing Scholars, Strengthening Chapters,
Shaping the Future.



This year we are offering an opportunity for your student leadership team to join you for the
2026 Advisor's Conference

Saturday, October 17, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ambassador High School, Torrance

Cost: \$25 includes lunch

Adviser info & Registration here:

<https://csf-cjsf.org/fall-advisers-conference/>

Student info & Registration here:

<https://csf-cjsf.org/student-leadership-conferences-in-person/>

All sessions will be presented by students, for students, and about students!

It's not too early to get your members thinking about making a presentation at the

Virtual Student Leadership Conference

on February 7, 2027 | 9-11:30 a.m.

<https://csf-cjsf.org/student-leadership-conference/>



Your chapter's participation in a CSF/CJSF - Panda Express virtual fundraiser supports the CSF/CJSF state organization, and your chapter may **earn a donation of 10%** of Panda Express net sales by *your supporters from all over the U.S.* Each chapter will have a unique fundraiser code.

November 18, 2026

More info and register on our website:

<https://csf-cjsf.org/panda-express-virtual-fundraiser>

Awards

CJSF 7th and 8th graders are eligible for two financial awards.

The DiGiovanna Memorial Award is an essay contest open to all 7th and 8th grade members of a CJSF chapter in good standing. There will be one award recipient in each region receiving a \$100 award.

- Student application and essay submission form will be available on November 1st on <https://csf-cjsf.org/cjsf-awards/>

The Marian Huhn Memorial Awards

A total of \$6,250 is awarded annually, with five students from each region receiving a \$250 award.

- Students must be nominated by their CJSF Adviser.
- Nominations are open from November 15th to February 25th.
- Advisers should read all of the requirements and information available on our website before nominating. <https://csf-cjsf.org/cjsf-awards/>
- Student finalists must attend the Huhn Workshop in his or her region.

Email office@csf-cjsf.org for the Adviser password for the Huhn nomination form.

CSF/CJSF Trademarks



CSF has registered trademarks in the State of California. To protect the ownership of our trademarks, we have one exclusive, licensed distributor of all CSF/CJSF products, Grad Awards.

Purchase CJSF items through Grad Awards: All chapters are required to purchase CSF graduation regalia (pins, cords, sashes, etc.) awards, and clothing through Grad Awards.

ORDERING SUPPLIES FROM GRAD AWARDS STORE

Request the password for the CJSF adviser store here:

<https://csf-cjsf.org/store> | Main Menu > STORE

Do not print CSF/CJSF logos: While chapters can make their own tee-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. they are not permitted to use the CSF/CJSF logo or marks on the items.

Get personalized items: For personalized clothing or other items with the CSF logo (e.g. your school name with the CSF/CJSF logo), contact Ken Bowen of Grad Awards by phone: 949-426-6789 or email: csf@gradawards.com for competitive pricing.

You may use CSF/CJSF logos on websites and stationery.

Email office@csf-cjsf.org to request logos for use on your website or stationery.

Communication is a two way bridge.

- **Read and save this newsletter** for reference throughout the year.
- **Bookmark our website** for the latest news and information <https://csf-cjsf.org>
- **Email us** with your questions and concerns.
- Make sure we have your email address that can **receive our emails!**
- Have a student member register as **Communications Representative** <https://csf-cjsf.org/stay-informed/>



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Chapter dues and course lists records are available on csf-cjsf-hub.org

Are you interested in getting more involved in the CSF state organization?

CJSF is looking for experienced advisers to join the state board and be a part of supporting chapter advisers, student members, and guiding the future of CSF/CJSF.

Currently recruiting:

- CJSF Region Vice Presidents

All board members serve as volunteers and must attend two board meetings each year. Travel expenses are reimbursed by CSF. For more information, or to volunteer, contact CSF President Erin Woodward erin.woodward@csf-cjsf.org.

REGION HOSTS ARE NEEDED FOR 2028 AND 2029 SPRING REGION AWARDS INTERVIEWS/CEREMONIES, AND CONFERENCES

Hosting a Spring Region event is a great way to support CSF/CJSF and for you and your members to get involved in the greater CSF/CJSF experience by meeting advisers and members from other chapters in your region. You may want to consider co-hosting with a nearby CSF/CJSF chapter to share the responsibilities.

If you and your chapter are interested in knowing more, please contact your region VP or President-Elect Erin Woodward for more information erin.woodward@csf-cjsf.org



CSF/CJSF Central Coast Region Conference 2025 at Dublin High School

6 REASONS TO JOIN THE **CALIFORNIA** **JUNIOR** **SCHOLARSHIP** **FEDERATION**

"SCHOLARS FOR SERVICE"

The California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF) was founded to foster high standards of scholarship, service and citizenship in the middle school/junior high grades.



Prestigious CJSF Honor Member Certificate



Honorable Recognition on Transcript



Prized CJSF Gold Pin



Recognition at Board Meeting in May of 8th grade



CJSF Eligibility for Scholarships and Awards



Invaluable Opportunities to Serve Your Community with Like-minded Scholars

