

# CSF BULLETIN



Fall 2026

<https://csf-cjsf.org>

## 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](mailto: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.

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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/](https://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

October 1, 2026 | Lists are due  
November 1, 2026 | Dues are due

## CSF ADVISERS' WORKSHOPS

**VIRTUAL: September 2, 6 | 5pm**

Course Lists, Membership Drives, Dues, New Advisers

[csf-cjsf.org/advisers-workshops-virtual/](https://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

**Michelson Award Essay Contest**

November 1 - December 22, 2025

**Seymour Memorial Award**

January 1, 2026- February 18, 2026

Finalist Interviews (details to follow):

March 14, 21, 28, April 11, 18, 2026

**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

### CSF MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR TWO FINANCIAL AWARDS.

**The \$1,000 Michelson Memorial Award** is an essay contest **open to all Junior and Senior members.**

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

### The Seymour Memorial Awards

50 finalists (10 per region) receive awards of \$2,000 each, and five of these (one per region) each receive an additional \$3,000 as the regional award recipient. This award is regarded as one of the highest scholastic honors given to secondary school graduates in the state of California.

- Open to Life members nominated by their Advisers.
- Requirements and detailed information is available on our website: <https://csf-cjsf.org/csf-awards/>

Email [office@csf-cjsf.org](mailto:office@csf-cjsf.org) for the Adviser password for the Seymour nomination form.

## CSF Course Lists

### COURSE LISTS SUBMISSIONS

#### Welcome Back!

We look forward to working with you this year with the Course Lists online submission form.

**Advisers will be sent an email the week of 8/20 with the instructions for using the online submission form. If you don't receive it email [patricia@csf-cjsf.org](mailto:patricia@csf-cjsf.org).**

- Use your approved 2025-2026 Course Lists for this semester membership drive.
- Use the link to your 2025-2026 Approved CSF Course Lists to download and use as a template for 2026-2027 is available here: <https://csf-cjsf-hub.org/>

**Please note:** The course lists submitted during the 2025-2026 school year DO NOT fulfill the requirement for submission of course lists for the 2026-2027 school year. Lists must be updated every year.

More information, instructions, and the Course Lists submission forms are on <https://csf-cjsf.org/standardized-csf-course-lists/>. The submission forms will be open on 9/3.

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#### Get your Course Lists questions answered.

Join us on Zoom September 2nd at 5pm

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

[csf-cjsf.org/advisers-workshops-virtual/](https://csf-cjsf.org/advisers-workshops-virtual/)

## 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/>



### **PRESIDENT**

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**Contact your region VP about membership drives, member eligibility, chapter activities, fundraising, Constitution and Bylaws.**

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**IT Director:** Patricia Gill [patricia@csf-cjsf.org](mailto:patricia@csf-cjsf.org)  
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**Chapter dues and course lists records** are available on [csf-cjsf.org](https://csf-cjsf.org)

## CSF Trademarks CSF Store



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 CSF 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 CSF 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](mailto:csf@gradawards.com) for competitive pricing.

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

Email [office@csf-cjsf.org](mailto:office@csf-cjsf.org) to request logos for use on your website or stationery.

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

CSF/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:

- CSF Region Vice President
- CJSF Region Vice Presidents
- CSF Registrar Asst

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](mailto:erin.woodward@csf-cjsf.org)

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

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.

Do you want to know more? Please contact your region VP or President Erin Woodward for more information [erin.woodward@csf-cjsf.org](mailto:erin.woodward@csf-cjsf.org) | <https://csf-cjsf.org/about-conferences>

# 7 REASONS TO JOIN THE **CALIFORNIA** **SCHOLARSHIP** **FEDERATION**

## ***""SCHOLARS FOR SERVICE""***

The California Scholarship Federation (CSF) was founded to recognize and encourage academic achievement and community service among high school students in California.



**Prestigious CSF Life Member Certificate**



**Meritorious CSF Seal on Diploma**



**Honorable Recognition  
on Transcript**



**Prized Gold Lamp Pin**



**Distinguished Recognition at Graduation**



**CSF Eligibility for Scholarships and Awards**



**Invaluable Opportunities to Serve Your  
Community with Like-minded Scholars**

If a student is interested in becoming a CSF Life Member, that student must apply for eligibility and qualify during four very specific semesters - sophomore and junior years, with at least one semester from their senior year.