

## WHS CSF Frequently Asked Questions:

### 1. What is CSF?

CSF stands for California Scholarship Federation. The California Scholarship Federation recognizes students for academic scholarship and service. CSF is the State of California's honor society, of which Westlake High School has a local chapter.

### 2. How do I join?

Membership is by application only. Applications for membership are available at the beginning of each semester. Applications can be printed from the WHS website. Students must bring the completed application, a current report card, and dues to 43W during registration week each semester. Registration dates are published on the WHS website, the WHS calendar, and on the WHS school bulletin.

Membership is based on the grades earned in the previous semester. Using a maximum of 5 classes, at least 10 CSF points must be earned. Points are: A=3; B=1(1 extra point is given for an A or B in an Honors or AP class for two classes maximum); C=0; any D or F grade, an N or U in citizenship, or any type of disciplinary suspension debars from membership. No points are given for: P.E., classes taken in lieu of P.E., repeated classes, TA/Lab Assistant/Office/Library Aide, Study Hall, Pass/Fail classes. At least two classes must be from LIST I. The total number of points from LIST I and LIST II must be at least 7. Classes not on LIST I and LIST II may be used on LIST III.

### 3. What classes are CSF qualifying classes?

The lists of qualifying classes can be found on the WHS: CSF Website

### 4. Do I need to have my original report card at registration?

Yes. Because copies can be altered, an original report card must be brought to registration. CSF does not keep the report cards, they are returned at registration.

### 5. What are the benefits of membership?

Students may wish to cite CSF membership and activity on college applications, as CSF is a state-recognized academic honor society. Seniors who are members at least 4 out of their last six semesters qualify as CSF Gold Seal Bearers. Gold Seal Bearers may apply for CSF college scholarships and are recognized at graduation with gold sashes and special diplomas.

### 6. How can I check how many semesters I have?

Approximately two weeks after each registration drive, membership lists are posted on the WHS: CSF Website. These membership lists show all semesters of membership including the most recent. Students should always check these lists for accuracy and report errors to the CSF advisors immediately.

### 7. Do I need to keep my registration cards?

Yes, if there is an error on the posted membership lists, your card is proof of your membership.

**8. What if I missed a semester?**

By CSF state by-laws no late applications can be accepted. Students should read the school bulletin to be aware of registration dates. If a semester is missed it cannot be made up. However, students need only 4 out of the last 6 semesters to qualify as Gold Seal Bearers. It is not necessary to be a member every semester. Students who miss a semester may still qualify as Gold Seal Bearers.

**9. Are extra points given for honors or AP classes?**

Yes, one extra point is given for an A or B in an honors or AP class for at most two classes.

**10. Can I use a summer school class?**

By CSF state by-laws summer school courses may be used in determining CSF eligibility ONLY IF a student has not enrolled in enough qualifying List I and II courses during the regular semester. A summer school course cannot replace a qualifying course taken during the regular school year. The course must be a List I or II course and must have been taken for the first time.

**11. What if I attended a different high school previously?**

If your previous school was in California and had a local CSF chapter, you will need to have the school provide proof of membership. If your school was not in California or did not have a local CSF chapter you will need to see one of the CSF advisors