

Novato High School

California Scholarship Federation

The California Scholarship Federation exists to promote and recognize high standards in scholarship, service and citizenship on the part of students in the California schools.

Novato High School recently submitted a list of courses for approval (Lists I, II and III).

Membership is held during the semester following the one in which the qualifying grades were earned, and is for one semester only. In order to become a member, the student must submit an application each semester the student is eligible. Grades earned in the second semester of the twelfth grade may count toward life (sealbearer) membership.

Points:

To warrant eligibility for semester membership, a student must earn a minimum of 10 CSF points. Of these 10 points, 7 points must be earned in courses from Lists I and II, while the remaining 3 points may be earned in courses from any lists (I, II and III). Of the 7 points required from list I and II courses, at least 4 points must be earned in list I courses alone.

CSF Points for courses earning 5 semester credits shall be calculated as follows:

- a grade of A = 3 CSF points
- a grade of B = 1 CSF point
- a grade of C = 0 CSF points
- a grade of Pass in any subject = 0 CSF points

One additional CSF point shall be granted for a grade of A or B in AP or Honors courses, up to a maximum of two such points per semester.

A grade of D or F in any course shall disqualify the student from membership for the semester.

No CSF points shall be given for physical education courses, subjects repeated to improve a grade, student assistant courses or courses taken on a pass/fail basis.

Types of Membership:

Semester, Life, Associate

Semester Membership – students who have met the required eligibility (10 CSF points) standards during the preceding semester and who have made proper application for membership.

Life Membership – A student completing senior high school work in 5 or 6 semesters (not including grade 9) must earn CSF membership in at least 4 of the last 5 or 6 semesters: one of those semester memberships must be earned with senior grades (grades earned in the final semester, just before graduation, may be used to meet this requirement).

Associate Membership – Second semester ninth graders and first semester tenth graders whose grades meet CSF requirements, or junior high transfers in their first semester of attendance who are Honor Members of the California Junior Scholarship Federation.

Benefits of Life Membership include eligibility for special CSF scholarships, official pin and chord at commencement, chapter seal on diploma and sealbearer status on the permanent academic records and transcripts and a certificate.

Goal of NHS CSF Members:

For students to select a community service project for all CSF members to participate in the implementation, planning and completion an activity for the benefit of others.

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