

COTTONWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

2017 SENIOR AWARDS PACKET

Overview

The Senior Awards Packet contains important information and applications for:

- Diploma of Merit and Department Excellence Awards
- Academic Letter
- Senior Awards Banquet
- Scholarship Reporting
- Graduation Information

Diploma of Merit and Excellence Awards

Do I meet the requirements?

Do I meet the requirements for a Diploma of Merit? If you answer yes to the following questions you do:

- Have you completed 27 academic credits?
- Do you have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Do you have a minimum cumulative CPA of 3.0 – not counting citizenship make-up?
- Do you meet the requirements for at least TWO areas of distinction?

(Not sure if you meet requirements for areas of distinction – go to the [Cottonwood High School website](#) – click on [Counseling and Career](#) and then select [Diploma of Merit and Department Awards](#) for a list of all department requirements)

Diploma of Merit and Excellence Awards

If you answered “YES” to those questions you qualify for a Diploma of Merit.

- Complete the application on the blue paper.
- Get signatures for each area of distinction where you meet the requirements – you have to have at least two, but get signatures for ALL areas of distinction where you meet the requirements.
- The blue application must be turned in to the counseling center no later than **2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 14.**

Diploma of Merit and Excellence Awards

If you meet the requirements for an area of distinction in any department, you may also want to check to see if you meet the requirements for an **Excellence Award** in that same department.

- An Excellence Award requires that you have done more than the area of distinction for a Diploma of Merit.
- You may receive an Excellence Award in one or as many departments for which you meet the requirements – there is no minimum.
- Students receiving any department Excellence Awards will receive a pin for each department that they can wear at graduation.

Diploma of Merit and Excellence Awards

If you meet the requirements for any department Excellence Awards:

- Complete the application on the blue paper in the packet (the same application as the Diploma of Merit).
- Get signatures for each department where you meet the requirements for an excellence award.
- It must be turned in to the counseling center no later than **2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 14.**

Diploma of Merit and Excellence Awards

Some departments require students to complete an application in order to receive an area of distinction or excellence award.

These applications should just be turned in to the department. **DO NOT** turn these applications into the counseling center.

The only thing you need to turn into the counseling center is the blue application with appropriate signatures no later than **2:30 on Friday, April 14!**

Academic Letter

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Do I qualify for an Academic Letter? If you answer yes to the following questions you qualify:

- Do you have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher during the 2016-17 school year?
- Are you taking in at least 3 AP, Honors, or Concurrent Enrollment classes?
- Have all of your grades this year been at least a B or higher?

Academic Letter

If you answered **yes** to those questions, you qualify for an Academic Letter.

Complete the Academic Letter application on the pink paper in this packet and turn it in to the counseling center no later than **2:30 on Friday, April 14!**

Senior Awards Banquet



Senior Awards Banquet

- Each year Cottonwood High School has a Senior Awards Banquet to honor those seniors who have excelled in **academics, leadership, and service**.
- This year, the Senior Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. at The Gathering Place at Gardner Village.
- The school pays for dinner for all invited seniors for the banquet. Students can invite guests (parents) to come with them, and guests will pay \$25 each to attend the banquet. (Specific information will be provided on the invitation you receive after you have completed the application.)
- You must complete a Senior Awards Banquet application if you want to be invited to this event.

Senior Awards Banquet

Do I qualify to attend the Senior Awards Banquet? If you have completed any **TWO** of the following requirements you qualify:

Diploma of Merit	Received Scholarships	Cheerleader
Academic Letter (any grade – 10, 11, or 12)	Girls State/Boys State	Roundup or Yearling Editor
Department Excellence Awards in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, or World Languages	National Merit Scholar, Semi-Finalist, Commended Merit	Academy of Finance Graduate
Top 10% of Class	NHS Graduate/Officer	PTSA Student Commissioner
4.0 GPA and/or 4.0 CPA	Sterling Scholar	Service Club Member
100% Attendance at Cottonwood	SBO or Class Officer	

Senior Awards Banquet

If you have 2 or more of the accomplishments on the previous slide you qualify to be invited to attend the Senior Awards Banquet.

- Complete the application for the banquet on the yellow paper.
- Get all appropriate signatures on the application.
- Turn it in to **Mrs. Wynder in Room 310** no later than **2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 14!**

Other Information

Scholarship Reporting Form

If you have been awarded any scholarships from any school or organization, complete the scholarship reporting form on green paper and turn it in to Diego Dominguez in the counseling center.

- You will need to provide proof of the scholarship with the form (copy of a letter or e-mail).
- If you are completing the senior awards banquet application, Diego will need this form to sign the application.

Graduation Information

The last page in this packet contains information for you and your parents related to graduation.

One last thing

- You can pick up a copy of your PTG (Progress Toward Graduation which includes a list of all classes and your grades) in the counseling center – they are printed and all you have to do is go to the counseling center and ask for your PTG.
- You may need this to get signatures for Areas of Distinction and Excellence Awards.