

COTTONWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

2022 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 Recognition
- 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:

- Will you graduate with 27 credits?
- Do you have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Do you have a minimum cumulative CPA of 3.0
- Do you meet the requirements for at least TWO areas of merit?

(Not sure if you meet requirements for areas of merit – go to coltscounseling.com > graduation and academics > merit 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.

- Review white applications in Senior Awards Packet for any areas of merit you qualify.
- Take the white application(s) to the name on the blue paper next to the department title; that person reviews your white application and signs the blue paper verifying you qualify.
- Get signatures for each area of merit where you meet the requirements – minimum is two, but get signatures for all areas of distinction where you meet requirements.
- This blue form is due to the Counseling Center by 3 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022

Diploma of Merit and Excellence Awards

If you meet the requirements for an area of merit, check to see if you meet the requirements for an **Excellence Award** in that same department. *Listed on white departmental application

- An Excellence Award requires that you have done more than the area of merit 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 they can wear at graduation.

Diploma of Merit and Excellence Awards

If you meet the requirements for any department Excellence Awards:

- Complete additional section of white application and request signatures from the same teachers named on the blue paper.
- Get an additional signature for each area of excellence.
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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 for this school year?
- Are you taking/have taken at least 3 AP, Honors, or Concurrent Enrollment classes this year?
- 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 in to the Counseling Center by 3 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022

Senior Awards Recognition

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- Each year Cottonwood High School recognizes those seniors who have excelled in **academics, leadership, and service**.
- You must complete a Senior Awards Recognition application if you want to receive the certificate.

Senior Awards Recognition

Do I qualify for the Senior Awards Recognition? If you have completed any **TWO** of the following requirements, you qualify:

Diploma of Merit	Received Scholarships	Cheerleader
Academic Letter (any grade – 9, 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	LIA Officer
100% Attendance at Cottonwood	SBO or Class Officer	

Senior Awards Recognition

If you have 2 or more of the accomplishments on the previous slide, you qualify for the Senior Awards Recognition.

- Complete the application for the recognition on the yellow paper.
- Request all appropriate signatures on the application.
- This yellow form is due to the Counseling Center by 3 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022

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 Lane Sutton 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 Recognition application as well, Lane Sutton will need this scholarship reporting form to sign the application.
- This green form is due to the Counseling Center by 3 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022

Where do I get the packet?

1. The Senior Awards Packet is in the Counseling Center - available now
2. See Suzy, the Counseling Center secretary, who will provide you with all the information you need
3. Direct any questions to her or your counselor; counselor emails can be found at <https://www.coltscounseling.com/counselors-and-staff>