

COTTONWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

2021 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

*The packet is available in the Counseling Center starting April 7th and is due April 16th.

*Distance Learners *Only*

- Distance learners can access the Senior Awards Packet www.coltscounseling.com/seniors
- Distance learners should pay *close attention* to the unique instructions for getting verification and completing their packets.
- Distance learners are welcome to come to the school to pick up a hard copy of the packet or turn it in – there are no students on Fridays and everyone in the Counseling Center is fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

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? *But go for as many areas as you qualify!

(Not sure if you meet requirements for areas of distinction – go to the www.coltscounseling.com > graduation & 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.

- Complete the application on the blue paper.
- Complete the departmental area of merit application to show the teacher who signs to verify.
- Get signatures for each area of distinction where you meet the requirements – you must 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 **3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16.**

Diploma of Merit and Excellence Awards

If you meet the requirements for an area of merit in any department, you may 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 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 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). Put a check in the space for area of excellence.
- Get a signature of verification in the excellence column from the teacher whose name is listed.
- Application must be turned in to the Counseling Center no later than **3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16.**

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 2020-21 school year?
- Are you taking/have taken at least 3 AP, Honors, or Concurrent Enrollment classes?
- Have all of your grades this year been at least a B or higher?
- **Seniors may apply for an academic letter for last year by completing the retroactive academic letter application available in the Counseling Center. The same requirements apply.*

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 **3:00 on Friday, April 16.** ****Don't forget the retroactive academic letter application for last year, if you qualified!***

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 – 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	
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.
- Get all appropriate signatures on the application.
- Turn it in to **the Counseling Center** no later than **3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16!**

Other Information

Scholarship Reporting Form

If you have been awarded any scholarships from a school or organization, complete the scholarship reporting form on green paper and turn it in to Monica in the Counseling Center.

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

Graduation Information

*Due to this year's unique circumstances, specific graduation information will be forthcoming.