



# CORNERSTONE

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### High School 2025 Honors Program Application

**MISSION** To work with like-minded Christian parents to educate our children with love and mercy in a godly environment that emphasizes a rigorously biblical curriculum, Christian character training, and college preparatory academics.

**VISION** To produce well-rounded, self-governed leaders who apply the Word of God to every area of thought and life.

#### Honors Program Entrance Requirements:

- ☐ Entering 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the upcoming school year.
- ☐ Cumulative high school GPA of 3.7 or above.
- ☐ All Students: Submit the 2025 Honors Application by **August 1, 2025**.
- ☐ Students Entering the Honors Program for the First Time: Submit an essay with the application.
- ☐ New CCS Students: Complete the enrollment process as described [here](#).

#### Honors Program Content:

*Program requirements and scholarships are subject to change from year to year.*

##### ☐ Academics:

Choose among available Honors level courses in Bible, History, English, and Science.

- The Honors level course designation requires the student to read an additional book and complete an essay or project in Bible, History, and English classes. In Science classes, the student is required to write a report/essay and potentially perform a science experiment. The teacher will provide a course syllabus at the beginning of the school year for the parents and students to review and sign, indicating they have read it and desire to continue with the Honors level course for the entire school year.
- Students in 10<sup>th</sup> grade may apply for one Honors course.
- Students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade may apply for two Honors courses. A student may apply for a third honors class and obtain the approval from the headmaster and the homeroom teacher.
- **Honors Courses** (available based on student's grade level and course rotation schedule):
  - Bible: Ethics, Systematics, Biblical Theology, and Scriptures
  - History: U.S. History, Church History, World History, and Government and Economics
  - English: American Literature, British Literature, World Literature, and Expository Writing
  - Science: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

##### ☐ Scholarship:

- Students who complete all Honors Program requirements for the year will receive a \$250 tuition scholarship per course at Cornerstone Christian School's Awards Assembly in May.
- In order for the student to receive the financial scholarship at the end of the school year, the student must maintain an overall 3.7 GPA in all classes at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, and the student must earn a C- grade or better in the Honors class.
- The financial scholarship may be in a pending status if grades need to be calculated after the Awards Assembly.

## EXPECTED STUDENT OUTCOMES

A Cornerstone Builder is a well-rounded image bearer of Christ who as a:

### PROPHET

- Confesses evangelical orthodoxy
- Pursues academic excellence
- Applies the Word of God to every area of thought and life

### PRIEST

- Makes peace and resolves conflict
- Seeks opportunities to serve others
- Speaks the truth in love

### KING

- Leads others with graciousness and humility
- Initiates and completes tasks with self-government
- Applies learning in practical ways

### ☐ Community Service and Leadership:

- Complete 25 Community Service Project (CSP) hours per year.
- Assume one of the following leadership roles each school year: Governance, Yearbook Chair, Field Day Captain, or other approved leadership role.

### Student Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative High School GPA (Weighted)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in the Upcoming School Year: ☐ 10<sup>th</sup> ☐ 11<sup>th</sup> ☐ 12<sup>th</sup>

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*New CCS students must submit an unofficial high school transcript along with the application.*

### Essay (Only for students applying to the Honors Program for the first time):

- Write an original essay in Google Docs using standard academic formatting and share a copy with your email submission. Students may use footnotes for others' ideas, if needed, but any use of AI or uncited sources will automatically disqualify the student's application.
- **Length** Essay must be at least three paragraphs and 500 words.
- **Content** Write an essay describing:
  - Why you see value in being a part of the Honors Program.
  - How your past time in school has or has not reflected the values of our Expected Student Learner Outcomes (ESLO) listed above. Address all three categories.
  - Ways you hope to improve in each area in the coming school year.

Submit a copy of your application and essay via email to  
[richard.batista@cornerstonechristian.org](mailto:richard.batista@cornerstonechristian.org) and  
[marylee.sonke@cornerstonechristian.org](mailto:marylee.sonke@cornerstonechristian.org) no later than **August 1, 2025**.