



## Sentinel Scholars Program



Encouraging God-Honoring  
Academic Excellence in  
Evangelical Christian  
School's College-Bound  
High School Students

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## ***Program Objectives***

The primary purpose of the ECS Sentinel Scholars Program (SSP) is to develop God-honoring academic excellence in college-bound high school students. The foundation of the SSP is a demanding curriculum consisting of honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses, in addition to targeted academic activities. The objectives of the program are as follows:

1. **To stimulate and challenge academically gifted students to pursue the understanding of God's truths in the classroom**
2. **To assist the student in developing and articulating a Biblical worldview**
3. **To guide students to discern God's purpose for the future**
4. **To prepare college-bound ECS graduates for the most demanding of academic endeavors**
5. **To offer the possibility for students to receive college credit through AP exams, CLEP tests, and alternative options**
6. **To create students who are competitive as recipients of local, state, and national scholarships**
7. **To facilitate the mentoring of younger ECS students as an act of service to God and the community.**

## ***Program Structure***

The program is divided into three levels, with each level requiring specific accomplishments. In addition, all students must fulfill basic program requirements. Sentinel Scholars will receive recognition and a distinctive diploma at graduation.

## ***Basic Program Requirements:***

1. **Complete 40 hours of community service annually during grades 9-12. At least 10 of the 160 hours must be done as a Sentinel Scholar Tutor/Mentor.**
2. **Participate in a minimum of two academic competitions which may include:**
  - a. **A Team**
  - b. **Brain Bowl**
  - c. **Speech Competitions**
  - d. **FACCS Academic Testing**
  - e. **Poetry/Essay Competitions**
  - f. **Science Fair**
  - g. **Inventor Fair**
  - h. **National Olympiads in Chemistry, Biology, Math, etc.**
3. **Complete a course on the development of a Biblical worldview.**
4. **Complete a career evaluation assessment.**
5. **Complete two years of a foreign language.**
6. **Complete a minimum of one technology course and four technology based projects.**

**Cum Laude** - A student earns a minimum of ten honors credits. Physics or Calculus must be successfully completed. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.8 and take a minimum of two CLEP tests.

**Magna Cum Laude** - A student earns a minimum of ten honors credits and two AP credits. Physics and calculus must be successfully completed. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 4.0.

**Summa Cum Laude** - A student earns a minimum of ten honors credits and four AP credits. Physics and calculus must be successfully completed. Each student must prepare and orally defend a Biblical worldview paper. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 4.2.