

CFS Graduation Guidelines

Graduation is a transition: a time to look back and be amazed at what God has done in the graduates' lives. It is a time to look within and listen to God's direction for the next steps. It is also a time to look forward, in hope and faith, to the revealing of His plan in the graduates' lives. It is a time to continue or strive to "run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:1). Please note, the CFS Board has set forth these guidelines to use in preparation for this culminating event.

Graduation should symbolize a celebration of the graduates' growth and accomplishments over the years, with an attitude of thankfulness and praise to God for His provision and hand in this growth and these accomplishments. While the ceremony does celebrate the graduates and their families, it should be done in a way to bring honor and glory to our Savior.

The ceremony should be considered a praise service to God, designed as a public display of the gratitude of the graduates and their parents for being given the privilege of home schooling, and (as appropriate) for the relatives, friends, and community who were used by God to shape the lives and character of those graduates.

Special care should be given in the design of the ceremony to avoid any self-centered and inappropriate focus upon any individual graduate or parent by way of disrespectful attire, comments, gestures, noises, music, or any other activity that distracts from the God-centered intent of this event.

Please note that while we do not expect the graduation ceremony to be a sermon, we would like those who are not of our faith to be so encouraged by our "light" that they should wish to seek it for themselves (Matthew 5: 16).

Please refrain from negative comments regarding other methods of education. While we have chosen our own path in obedience to our Lord and Savior, we are hosts at this event and a good host wants to make his/her guests feel comfortable, not uncomfortable.

Prospective graduates who do not wish to abide by the CFS Graduation Guidelines do not have to participate. The graduation ceremony is a privilege, not a requirement or right.

FAQs:

Does this mean we can't have a slideshow?

- *You may certainly have a slideshow! Just make sure the slideshow contains appropriate pictures and music befitting the occasion.*

Are there requirements for participation in the graduation ceremony?

- *The family/student must be a CFS member in good standing.*

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