

The Cum Laude Society



Answers to Our Most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Is the central office involved with individual chapters in the selection of new initiates?

Answer: No. The jurisdiction for selection and initiation lies solely with the local chapter. There is no appeal to the central office regarding student selection.

2. What if the top 20% of the senior class calculates to a fractional number of students?

Answer: The chapter has the option of rounding up (e.g. 7.2 students could be rounded up to 8.0 students).

3. What if the top 10% of the junior class calculates to a fractional number of students?

Answer: Chapters may not round up in the induction of juniors.

4. To whom do I send questions?

Answer: As a general rule, questions should first be sent to your District Regent.

5. When can a chapter induct juniors?

Answer: A chapter may induct no more than 10% of the junior class at any point from April of their junior year through December of their senior year.

6. When can seniors be inducted?

Answer: Seniors may be inducted at any point from January to June of the senior year.

7. When do our inductees officially become members of The Cum Laude Society?

Answer: New initiates are officially recognized as members of The Cum Laude Society when their registrations, including any fees, are complete with the central office.

8. Should a chapter always induct the full 10% of the junior class and the full 20% of the class total?

Answer: No. The allowance for junior inductions is to permit schools to have active chapters (see #9 below), not to fill a “quota.” Similarly, the chapter should not necessarily induct 20% of any class, whether in their junior (no more than 10%) or senior year (a class total of no more than 20%).

9. Why not allow more juniors to be inducted so selection could be listed on college applications?

Answer: The clear intent of The Cum Laude Society is for induction to be regarded as an academic honor for the student and for the school - an end in itself rather than a credential for college admission.

10. Can the Registrar General or District Regent override decisions made at the local chapter level?

Answer: The central office and Board of Regents do not intervene in the operations of local chapters except in cases involving a clear violation of the Cum Laude Society constitution or policies.

11. How do I contact the central office regarding ordering, billing, and general information?

Answer: Robbie McConnell, Office Manager, The Cum Laude Society, 4100 Springdale Rd. Louisville KY 40214 Office number:502-814-4361 Fax Number: (502) 423-0445 or email her at cumlaudesociety@kcd.org