

## **SCCCE GRADUATION POLICIES**

### **Established September 2007**

In an effort to have clarity from year to year, the SCCCE Leadership Team has established the following guidelines for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade and high school graduation planning, practices and ceremonies.

**1. Coordinators for graduation ceremonies**

The Leadership Team will pray about the interested parties, and based on prayer, will choose a coordinator. That coordinator will take care of all email communication, newsletter communication, correspondence with the SCCCE Coordinators/Co-coordinators, determine the appropriate time to begin planning and set up planning meetings. Out of that, there are many tasks that will lend it to having volunteers within the group of parents/students that are graduating. It takes a team effort to pull all the details together for this great event.

**2. Graduation Coordinators**

Coordinators must be in contact with SCCCE Leadership and Facility Coordinator for calendar arrangements, i.e. meetings, practices and the graduation ceremony. Graduation Coordinators will also submit the name of the graduation speaker(s) to the group co-coordinators for approval based on the SCCCE By-laws.

**3. Graduation will be expressly parent-led with student input.**

It is the vision of this group and homeschooling at large that based on Deuteronomy 6, parents are to guide their children in all aspects and all situations of life.

**4. Deadlines for participation**

We believe this is a most important event in the life of your student. The focal point of graduation is what this means to the immediate family, the graduate and the extended family of the graduate. The only requirement to participate in the SCCCE graduation is that the family and graduate be members in good standing of SCCCE. However, having said this, we also realize that there may be certain privileges that may not be guaranteed should the family join later than the deadlines set to participate in graduation. These are the following that may or may not be guaranteed, and this may not be an exhaustive list:

- a. Name of graduate may not be in the program
- b. Graduate may not be in the slide show if one is planned for that year
- c. The family of the graduate must contact HSLDA or the cap/gown/diploma company that is used for the said items and pay the extra costs that may be incurred for rush shipping, etc.
- d. Graduate may not be able to participate in any type of talent portion of graduation if the program is already established.

Finally, the graduate, if joining later in the process, must participate in at least one practice before the actual ceremony. The only time this might be waived is if the graduate is traveling a long distance and absolutely cannot make a practice. This would be at the discretion of the Graduation Coordinators/SCCCE Coordinators. Our goal is to serve the families of SCCCE and make for a memorable event for each family for the glory of God.

**5. Modesty**

Please see SCCCE Modesty Guidelines. These must be followed or participation may not be allowed.

**6. Costs**

All costs for graduation will be incurred by the families of graduates and is to be split evenly between said families. Receipts will be turned in to the designated treasurer for the event who will in turn give them to the SCCCE Treasurer. The following exceptions apply:

SCCCE will pay for:

- a. Speaker Fee: \$50
- b. Photographer: \$75
- c. Facility Special Event fee: \$25

**7. Graduate Fellowships, get-togethers and parties**

SCCCE is primarily a parental support group. We do not lend ourselves to developing peer and social groups, but rather would promote family unifying events. While we offer activities for educational enrichment and parental support, we realize the nature of those situations will lend themselves to developing new friendships. We also realize that planning such an important event such as graduation will bring about new friendships as well. It is the policy and vision of this group, again, to have God-driven, parent-led events while still encouraging student input. The activities planned under the umbrella of SCCCE will be under the above guidelines with parental involvement as the central point. With the guidelines followed, this will allow for use of the group email and newsletter. All other related events that are not in keeping with these guidelines will not be afforded group emails/newsletter usage.

**8. Father's Blessing**

Fathers will be given the opportunity to offer a blessing over their children during the Graduation Ceremony.

**A FINAL WORD:** We thank you all for your work over the years that have brought you to the special event for your family. We, on the Leadership Team, commend you for your efforts and praise God for your tenacity in educating your child for His glory and purpose!