



C.H.E.H.

Christian Home Educators of Hattiesburg

2018/2019
Membership
Application

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Please complete this application in its entirety.

CHAIRMAN@CHEH.ORG

Please Print

Family Name: _____ Father: _____ DOB: (M/D/Y): _____ Anniversary Date: _____
 Mother: _____ DOB: (M/D/Y): _____
 Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: (h) _____ (c) _____ email: _____

You must have an email address in order to receive all newsletters and routine email communications from CHEH.

Father's employment: _____ New to home schooling? Yes ___ No ___ if no, we've home schooled for _____ years.
 Church we attend: _____ Pastor's Name: _____
 Are both parents Christian: Yes _____ No _____
 Are you presently home educating? _____ If not, when do you intend to start home educating? _____
 How did you become interested in home schooling? _____
 Is CHEH your "main" home schooling support? Yes ___ No ___ In what other groups do you participate? _____
 What curriculum do you use? _____

We are members of HSLDA (Home School Legal Defense Association)? Yes ___ No ___ (Call CHEH for 15% member discount number.)
If you have ever been contacted by anyone from your school district or social services concerning your children, please explain on attached sheet.
Children: (Please list Name, Birthplace, Grade Level, and note any children that are NOT being homeschooled)

Name	Birthdate (M/D/Y)	Grade Level 2018/2019	Check if NOT Home Schooled	Name	Birthdate (M/D/Y)	Grade Level 2018/2019	Check if NOT Home Schooled
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	6. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	7. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	8. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	9. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	10. _____	_____	_____	_____

We'd Like to get to know you..... **Please list some of your skills and abilities, gifts, and talents, interest, and hobbies:**

Father:	Mother:	Children:
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How did you first find out about CHEH? ___ Friend ___ Web site ___ Other _____	Why did you decide to join CHEH? Check all that apply): ___ Socialization for kids ___ Needed Support ___ Field Trips ___ Other _____ ___ Fellowship for Parents ___ Wanted Newsletter ___ Encouragement
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PICK AT LEAST ONE...

MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE AREA OF SERVICE:
 (Guidelines, Section 4-D)

___ Mom's night out ___ Hospitality ___ Field Trips ___ Ministry Team ___ Yearbook Staff
 ___ Communications ___ Graduations** ___ Youth Events ___ Mom's Workshop
 ___ Thanksgiving Feast/Talent Show ___ Volunteer as an Officer

****Do not check graduation if you have a senior graduating this school year.**

You Must Read & Agree to These Guidelines Before Signing This Application.

SECTION 3 - MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Christian parents who are currently educating their children at home qualify for membership. The completed application with both parents'/ guardians' signature on the statement of faith must be approved by the Sub-Committee. Parents must also agree to Sections 3, 4, and 11 of these Guidelines prior to application approval.
- B. Annual dues are required. Late fee applied after September 1st.
- C. Exceptions will be considered regarding single mothers.
- D. The Mississippi Home Educators Association, (MHEA), shall be considered an honorary member and be sent a copy of membership list. Members may elect to have their name removed from the membership list sent to MHEA.

SECTION 4 - MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of each member family to work out the education of their own children. It is highly recommended and a qualification for membership and/or representation by the Home School Legal Defense Association that parents teach at least 51% of the curriculum.

- A. Annual dues must be paid prior to June 1st of the school year. A late charge will be assessed for annual dues paid after September 1st of said school year. Scholarships are available for families with financial hardships. Contact chairman for details.
- B. In order for a family to participate in scheduled CHEH activities, membership dues must be current.
- C. Members are required to comply with the Mississippi Compulsory Attendance Law by submitting a certificate of enrollment with their county attendance officer on or before the date specified by law.
- D. Members are required to participate in at least one area of service as listed on the application.
- E. Families must comply with all CHEH activity policies. See Section 11.
- F. A parent must accompany his or her child/children to any activity. If a parent cannot, a release form transferring responsibilities to another adult must be signed.
- G. Prospective graduates and their parents are required to have been active CHEH members for at least the three years leading up to an including the prospective graduate's senior year. (Active means participating in CHEH functions such as family/parent events, field trips, and youth loop events. Whether a family and prospective graduate is active or not is determined solely by the application/graduation committee. Participation in approximately one half of CHEH family/parent events and one half of the CHEH Youth Loop events will be used by the application/graduation committee as a rule of 'thumb' to make this determination.) Any family that was not home schooling for those three years mentioned, but begins home schooling during the student's junior year, may petition the application/graduation committee for membership and graduation participation no later than September 1 of the student's junior year. That family will need letters of recommendation from two current active CHEH member families before the committee will consider the application and consider participation in graduation. If approved for membership and graduation, that family would be required to pay upfront by September 1 of the senior year, a \$100 nonrefundable fee. This new prospective graduate will need to adhere to the same "active" status requirement as mentioned above. Any family moving into the Hattiesburg area during the student's junior or senior year will need to provide two letters of recommendation from their previous homeschool support group - one letter being from the chairman of that group and the other letter being from another member of that homeschool support group or their pastor. After the recommendation have been received, the application will be considered. If approved, this new prospective graduate will need to adhere to the same "active" status requirement as mentioned above. The graduate and at least one parent are expected to attend all graduation planning meetings to the fullest extent possible.
- H. All function sponsored by CHEH are for members only. Grandparents and ministers are always welcome.
- I. Members shall not give out or share any information from the membership roster to persons or organizations who are not current CHEH members.
- J. Members are to follow the leadership of the person in charge of any activity, and conduct themselves in a Christian manner at all times.
- K. Members are encouraged to meet and interact with attendance officers and other public officials.
- L. Members are expected to volunteer to help set up and clean up any attended CHEH function.
- M. Members are encouraged to participate in the field trips provided in their regional area and volunteer to host these field trips and events.

CHEH CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the parents, understand that our family is a representative of our home educating support group, home education community, and most important, the Lord Jesus Christ. We, the parents, understand that all the officers are volunteers and are volunteering their time, efforts and energies to benefit our children and us. We respect these volunteers as we should be respected when we volunteer. We agree to conduct ourselves in a reasonable manner when participating in all group activities. This includes (but is not limited to) dressing appropriately, following instructions, respecting authority, careful treatment of property, polite behavior towards others and no smoking, alcohol, drugs, foul language, or obscene gestures. Open displays of romantic affection, i.e. boyfriend/girlfriend relationships, are not appropriate at CHEH functions. Pregnant teenagers are considered to be parents and shall not participate in CHEH student activities. CHEH's stance is that life begins at conception. CHEH believes that the Bible teaches that homosexuality is a sin, and cannot condone any type of homosexual behavior at any CHEH event. We understand that failure to comply will result in our being asked to refrain from future participation.

READ

Privacy Agreement: By signing this application and joining this organization, You agree not to share, forward, or duplicate members' email addresses or any other personal contract information outside the CHEH membership.

Read & Sign the CHEH Statement of Faith

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- The sole basis of our belief is the Bible, God's infallible Word, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments. We believe that it was uniquely, verbally and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, and that it was written without error in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority in all matters to which it speaks. In the English language, we believe the Authorized King James Version to be a complete and accurate version of the original manuscripts. It is complete in its current form with no scriptures missing or lost. The Holy Bible is not to be added to or taken away from. In CHEH matters regarding scriptural interpretation, the KJV will be the guiding source to resolve and answer questions of CHEH business matters; membership; and group activities. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 19:7-11; Prov. 30:5-6; Jer. 23:29; Heb. 4:12; Matt. 5:18; John 17:17; Rev. 22:18-19).
- We believe there is one God, creator of all things, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (same in substance, equal in power and glory) (Deut. 6:4; I Cor. 8:4-6; Acts 17:24-29; Gen. 1:1; Col. 1:15-20; John 1:1-3; Romans 9:5; Titus 2:13; I John 5:20; Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 45:6; Isaiah 48:16; Acts 5:3-4; Hebrews 9:14; I Cor. 2:11-16).
- We believe in the deity and humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through his shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory to judge the living and the dead (Isaiah 9:6; Gal. 4:4; John 17:5; Hebrews 10:5; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:34-35; Hebrews 7:26; John 14:11; I Pet. 2:24; 3:18; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 9:22; I Cor. 15; Acts 1:9-11; Rev. 19:11-21; 20:11-15).
- We believe man was created good in the image of God but fell into sin, and is therefore totally depraved, and needs to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit for salvation (Gen. 1:31; Eccl. 7:29; Gen. 1:26-28; Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12; Ps. 51:5; Gen. 8:21; Eph. 2:1-4; Rom. 3:10-18; Rom. 8:7-8; I Cor. 2:14; Jer. 13:23; John 6:44,63,65; John 1:12-13; John 3:3-8; Titus 3:3-5; Acts 16:14; Ezekiel 11:19; 36:25-27).
- We believe that salvation is a gift of God given to man by grace alone through faith alone in the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ alone (Jonah 2:9; Eph. 2:8-10; Philippians 1:29; Acts 5:31, 11:17-18; 2 Tim. 2:25; Rom. 3:21-28; Rom. 4:5; Philippians 3:9; 2 Cor. 5:21; Isaiah 53:4-6; Heb. 9:28; John 14:6; Acts 4:12).
- We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to regenerate, seal, indwell, teach, convict, and empower the believer for godly living and service (John 1:13; John 3:3-8; Titus 3:3-5; Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30; Rom. 8:9; John 14:16-18; 14:26; 16:13; 16:8; Rom. 8:13; 2 Tim. 1:7; Zech. 4:6; Col. 1:29).
- We believe Christ, the Head of the Church, has commanded the Body of Christ to make disciples of all nations. The universal visible Church will extend to all the people groups of the world; therefore all peoples are of equal importance in the Body of Christ (Col. 1:18; I Tim. 3:15; Eph. 2:14-20; 4:4-6; Rev. 5:9; 7:9; Matt. 24:14; Rom. 12:3-8; I Cor. 12:4-26; Gal. 3:28; Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 20:27; Titus 2:2).
- We believe that Christian parents have the privilege and responsibility to raise their covenant children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Gen. 18:19; Ex. 12:24-27; Deut. 4:9-10; 6:7-9; 8:5; 11:18-21; Joshua 24:15; I Sam. 3:13; I Chron. 22:6-16; Ps. 44:1; Ps. 71:18; Ps. 78:1-8; Ps. 145:4; Prov. 3:12; 4:1-4; 13:24; 19:18; 22:6; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15,17; Isa. 38:19; Mal. 4:6; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21; 2 Tim. 3:15).
- We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God, (Gen. 1:26-27) and that rejection of one's natural born biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.
- We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one naturally born man and one naturally born woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen. 2:18-25.)
- We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a naturally born man and a naturally born woman who are married to each other, (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4) and that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a naturally born man and a naturally born woman married to each other.
- We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including but not limited to adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God, (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10.)
- We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, (Acts 3:19-21; Rom. 10:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-11.) and that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the policies of CHEH.
- We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of CHEH and to provide a biblical role model to the members and the community, it is imperative that all persons that are members in any capacity, and/or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement of Faith in its entirety. (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-16; 1 Thess. 5:22.)

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Holy Bible itself (with nothing added to or taken from), being the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe for purposes of CHEH Statement of Faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline.

In signing this Statement of Faith, the signer would be agreeing to his/her belief of and agreement with this statement of faith and agreement to abide by our current guidelines (available on our website or in print from our chairman).

Both Parents' Signatures _____ / _____ **Date:** _____

A Final Word...

Christian Home Educators of Hattiesburg is an organization dedicated to the support of families who home educate according to Christian beliefs and practice. To fulfill that mission, **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Membership requires that the above Statement of Faith and Guidelines agreement **MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH PARENTS**, without any changes. Failure to do so will result in the rejection of the application for membership.(Exceptions will be considered regarding single mothers.)
- All submitted applications will be reviewed by an officer-appointed subcommittee for membership approval.
- **ANNUAL DUES are \$30 and are due June 1.** Dues are used for facility fees, web site maintenance, printed materials, postage, copies, and other special activities related to our mission. You must include this payment with the completed application-failure to do so will result in the rejection of the application for membership. Please make your check or money order payable to CHEH. In the event you are not accepted for membership, your payment will be returned in full.
- **ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP.** CHEH offers Alumni Membership to former CHEH member families at such time as all the children have completed their high school education at home. Alumni membership includes involvement in parent/family meetings. Mom's Night Out, Dad's Events, and Youth Loop (Youth Loop is limited to one year post graduation). The Alumni Membership fee is \$10 per year.
- **CHEH Membership Expires May 31st each year.**

Enclose the following:

- _____ \$30 Membership fee (due June 1st)
- _____ Late Fee \$10 (after Sept. 1st)
- _____ \$10 Alumni Membership fee
- _____ *Graduation fee \$100*

*(All highschoolers must read Guidelines Sections 4-G to determine if this fee applies to you.)

- _____ Family Photo for Membership Directory (attach photo or email to homeschoolerscheh@gmail.com)
- _____ 4-Page Application

FOR CHEH USE ONLY:

Date application received: _____

Initial/Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Check # _____ Cash _____ Scholarship _____

Please mail check, application, and a family photo for our directory to: CHEH, P.O. Box 17862, HATTIESBURG, MS 39404-7862 (Photos may be emailed to homeschoolerscheh@gmail.com)

CHEH Release of Liability and Arbitration Agreement

In consideration of being permitted to participate in CHEH, (Please print below: first name of each parent or legal guardian, each child in the family, even those not attending CHEH, and any other family member who is likely to come.)

(herein after referred to as "Family") agree to the following:

1. Release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue either CHEH or the host facility, their officers, employees, board members or other families participating in the CHEH (hereinafter referred to as 'Releasees') from all liability to Family for any loss or damage and any claim or damage on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of a Family member while Family is participating in CHEH activities on the premises of the host facility.
2. Family agrees to indemnify Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or cost Releasees may incur due to the presence of Family in or on the premises of the host.
3. Family assumes full responsibility for and risk of bodily injury, death or property damage while in or on the premises of the host facility for any purpose participating in the activities of CHEH.
4. Family expressly agrees that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of MISSISSIPPI and that, if any portion of the agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance, shall notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
5. Family, in consideration of being permitted to participate in CHEH, for Family, and Family's heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, release and forever discharges all Releasees, and their heirs, administrators, and executors of and from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, or whatsoever kind or nature, either in law or in equity arising from or by reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries, death or property damage resulting from participation in CHEH or any activities in connection with CHEH.
6. Family states that both mother and father of Family or legal guardians have carefully read the above release and know the contents of the release and sign this release as Family's own free act.
7. Family releases all officials and professional personnel from any claims whatsoever on account of first aid, treatment or service rendered Family during participation in CHEH.
8. CHEH operates under Biblical guidelines and believes that the Bible commands us to make every effort to live at peace and to resolve disputes with each other in private or within the Christian church (see Matthew 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 6:1-8). Therefore, the parties agree that any claim or dispute arising from or related to this agreement shall be settled by legal arbitration. The parties understand that legal arbitration shall be the sole remedy for any controversy or claim arising out of this agreement or any dispute arising out of any activities or events associated with CHEH and expressly waive their right to file a lawsuit in any civil court against CHEH, except to enforce an arbitration decision.
9. This agreement shall be binding on each member of the Family, their personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin.
10. This release contains the entire agreement between the parties to this agreement and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

BOTH Parents' Signatures

_____ Date _____

_____ Date _____