

Joining CCHEA

You can join CCHEA by filling out a membership application, paying the current member fees and reading and fulfilling the Responsibilities of CCHEA Membership listed below. You must be in agreement with all noted guidelines and abide by them for the glory of God our Father.

Membership Applications are ONLY accepted from August 1st thru March 15th of each school year.

Statement of Faith

“Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” Eph.4: 3

We are a Christian home school community that recognizes that we are united by our mutual love of Jesus Christ, our sincere desire to follow His steps and His will for our lives, and our love for the children He has blessed us with.

- We believe in one God, the creator of all things, eternal, infinite, perfect, and manifested in three persons as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (John 1:1-3; Isaiah 44:6-8; Matt. 28:19; Mark 12:29; Duet. 6:4; Isaiah 43:10)
- We believe the Holy Bible, both the Old Testament and the New, is the inspired Word of God, the inerrant and entire revelation of God’s will for salvation, and the Divine and the final authority for the Christian faith and life. (II Tim. 3:15-17)
- We believe Jesus Christ was God manifested in the flesh, true God and true man, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to the virgin Mary. (Isaiah 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Isaiah 9:6)
- We believe in Jesus’ sinless life, His miraculous ministry, His substitutionary death on the cross as an atonement for our sins, His bodily resurrection from the dead, and His ascension into heaven to serve as our intercessor before the Father. (John 1:14; Hebrews 7:25, 26)
- We believe in salvation only through the blood of Jesus. Man was created good but by voluntary transgression fell, and his ONLY hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ. (Rom. 3:23; Rom. 10:13-15; Eph. 2:8; John 3:3-8; I John 1:7-9) This causes us to enter the family of God by an experience called the “New Birth” as Jesus taught Nicodemus in John chapter 3.

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity!” Ps.133:1

Mission Statement

CCHEA members seek to offer support and encouragement to each other and pray for the needs of new and experienced homeschooling parents. We support the spiritual and academic excellence of our children by striving to provide a variety of educational and social activities.

Our Christian purpose is to glorify the Lord in **all** activities. As such, we will **not** provide, participate in, or knowingly endorse activities that would in anyway dishonor our Lord.

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CCHEA Ministry

As Citrus Christian Home Educators we are to:

- Recognize that our call to home educate our children offers many opportunities to share Christ to the lost (Matt. 28: 19-20).
- Be good, law-abiding citizens (I Tim. 2:12). Members are encouraged to abide by the Florida state law which governs the home education program (see Appendix A).
- Be given to hospitality (I Tim. 2:12). Every CCHEA activity is an opportunity for all to sense the presence of God and to feel at home, welcomed, and loved. We attend for not only the benefits received, but also come prepared to give and to serve other members.
- Have a supernatural love for fellow home educators (John 15:12). We are an extended family, and we need to lift up one another, love unconditionally and to bear one another's burdens.
- Be gracious, understanding, and quick to forgive. Jesus had a strong inner conviction and yet was willing to hear another's point of view and be compassionate. He said: "Go and do likewise". (Luke 10:31)

Responsibilities of CCHEA Membership

- Read and agree with the *Statement of Faith* and *Mission Statement*, and understand the focus of the *CCHEA Ministry Statement*.
- Sign the *Release of Liability* form
- Submit completed application
- Pay membership fee (non-refundable, includes funds for CCHEA, HEF, and FPEA)
- Attend as many monthly CCHEA meetings as possible as these meetings are structured to meet the needs of parents (no structured childcare can be offered)
- Offer to assist when helpers are needed (not just leaving the work to a few)
- Maintain a standard of dress that is modest, appropriate, and God honoring for each activity (We honor the dress codes of all churches and facilities we use. Specific information may be found in your monthly newsletters.)
- Make phone calls after 1 PM, M-F unless otherwise indicated by the individual
- DO NOT give out members' phone numbers to anyone outside the membership body

Disclaimer and Release of Liability

CCHEA is not incorporated. It exists only as an association of parents performing our duty to protect and educate our children. CCHEA activities are merely cooperative activities participated in by various families in the association. As an unincorporated association, all members need to be aware that the association **cannot** be sued.

CCHEA, the steering committee, and its members are all volunteers. We do not provide *professional* advice or counseling. Although volunteers active in CCHEA coordinate some activities, *we are responsible for our own children and ourselves and should not be required to perform such duties for parents who are not present.*