

## What is FPEA Membership?

Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA) “serves more than 6,000 homeschooling families in Florida, delivering a wealth of support, guidance and information to both new and longtime home educators. More specifically, the FPEA executes that mission through safeguarding the legal right to homeschool; interacting with local school boards; support group networking; hosting a statewide convention, local conferences and events; communicating timely information and emerging trends; and, most importantly providing general encouragement — all in accordance with Judeo-Christian principles.” (from the FPEA website)

NHE is a Florida Parent Educators Association (FPEA) recognized group, therefore allowing NHE members to join FPEA at a discounted rate of \$20 (an individual family membership to FPEA is higher). This \$20 fee is included in the annual NHE membership.

FPEA members:

- Receive six issues of *Connect*, formerly *The Almanac*.
- Receive an advanced copy of the Convention Program.
- Receive a discounted rate for the annual state home education convention which is held in Orlando at the Gaylord Palms Resort over Memorial Day weekend.
- Receive access to the Guide to Homeschooling in Florida.
- Receive discounts (with your FPEA membership card) for a variety of local vendors, homeschooling magazine subscriptions, curriculum companies, and resources.
- Receive a substantial discount on membership with Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA).

By joining FPEA, your family becomes a united force with thousands of other homeschooling families. At the state level, FPEA works closely with the Home Education Foundation, supporting the efforts of Brenda Dickinson who works to protect the rights of home educating families. FPEA District Directors also work to foster relationships with local school officials and are available to answer questions on all aspects of home education. When an occasional dispute arises between a homeschooler and a superintendent, Directors work on behalf of FPEA members to negotiate a resolution. The Directors refer newcomers to groups and help homeschoolers network with each other. On a national level, FPEA represents Florida homeschoolers, sending Directors to the annual HSLDA National Leadership Conference.

FPEA membership is a great perk to NHE membership. If you have any other questions, feel free to email Cheryl Bastian ([chometeach@embarqmail.com](mailto:chometeach@embarqmail.com)) or visit FPEA's website, [www.fpea.com](http://www.fpea.com).