

HOME EDUCATORS FOR CHRIST

On This We agree

What is HEFC? Home Educators for Christ is a non-profit organization designed to provide support to families educating their children at home.

What is our PURPOSE? Our primary purpose is to honor the Lord Jesus Christ, for it is by His grace that He has called and empowered us to teach our children. Additionally, we also hope to promote fellowship with one another through group activities, to share information regarding Christian homeschooling as a positive alternative, and to remain aware of all issues affecting the rights of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children.

What is our MISSION STATEMENT? Our mission is to provide support, encouragement, and educational enrichment activities to families that are training and educating their children at home in the discipline and instruction of the Lord and to be used by God to minister to those around us as we walk in faith and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ.

What is our EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY? We believe that with parents rests the sole responsibility for the care, training, and education of their children (Deuteronomy 6:4-9). HEFC defines a home educating family as one who has chosen to educate their children at home with the parents as the final authority over curriculum and education principles. We believe parents who have chosen this educational alternative, are accountable to discharge these duties in an honorable and responsible manner.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE: The Bible is the inspired and complete authoritative and only Word of God. (Isaiah 40:8, II Timothy 3:16) In one eternally existent triune God -God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Gen. 1:1, John 10:30, 37-38) That we are all sinners, separated from God. Through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, as the only way to Heaven, we are born again and receive the gift of salvation. (John 1:12) In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, atoning death as penalty for our sins, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, personal return in power and glory, and in power of the Holy Spirit that indwells and guides believers in godly living and service. (Matthew 1:23, John 11:25-26, I Corinthians 3:16) Children are a gift from the Lord and parents have the authority to discipline, nurture, train, and educate their own children. (Deuteronomy 11:19, Psalms 127:3-5)

MEMBERSHIP HEFC reserves the right to deny any application for or terminate membership.

Requirements for Membership: Be actively engaged in homeschooling (preschool and above) at least one (or more) of their children. Complete the application, sign the statement of FAITH, pay the membership dues. Be an active participant in group functions to enhance the opportunities provided. Agree and respect in word and deed the authority of the HEFC Leadership Board, Statement of Faith, Rules of Conduct and General Guidelines. Be responsible for the care and supervision of their children at all times.

Members shall be entitled to participation in all HEFC events and activities. Other service opportunities that may be provided during the year. All activities are member planned, each member may place activities on the calendar (subject to Leadership Board approval) HEFC members are expected to invest in the group each year by planning an activity or coordinating a ministry (prayer, hospitality, library, mentor, Leadership Board, etc.)

CITIZENSHIP With respect to the homeschool laws of Arizona, individual homeschooling families will govern themselves with respect to curriculum, record keeping, school calendar, and education method. We believe parents (under God) to be the best judges when raising and educating their own children, and while HEFC will offer support, encouragement, and guidance, it is up to individual families to decide what is best for their children. It is also believed matters concerning discipline and moral conduct are the responsibility of the parents in each individual family with respect given to the rights of other families in this group and in accordance with basic Christian values and HEFC's Rules of Conduct.

Rules of Conduct These guidelines set a standard of conduct to be followed by all Members and their guests during all HEFC events at any venue. Honor your parents (Ex 20:12, Eph. 6:1) Children will also be respectful to adults and/or peers and willing to receive guidance from those in charge of activities. "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." (Eph. 4:29) Honor one another above yourselves (Romans. 12:10). Inappropriate language, conversations, and boy-girl situations are not acceptable. Treatment of facilities will be in accordance with the rules of the facility and each person is responsible for helping to clean-up after each activity, if necessary.

Business Procedures Fiscal Year: HEFC's fiscal year is from August 1-July 31. Annual renewal of Membership begins in August.

Financial Activities: HEFC is a nonprofit organization supported entirely by its Membership dues. These funds cover expenses such as administrative costs, facility rentals for events, web page fees, etc. Dues are nonrefundable and not pro-rated. Financial management of HEFC monies is limited to the Leadership Board supervised by the Treasurer who manages a separate group bank account. Two signatures are required on any check. Financial reports are given at Leadership Board meetings and financial records are available to the General Membership for audit once a year. **Dissolution:** Upon dissolution of HEFC, the assets (if any) of the group shall be donated to the ARIZONA FAMILIES FOR HOME EDUCATION (AFHE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving and informing the homeschool community and promoting home education in Arizona.

Leadership Board: HEFC is managed by an appointed Leadership Board whose purpose is to maintain HEFC's mission by supporting its membership agreement, oversee the organization of programs/services to members, and to manage the administrative and business affairs of the group. The current positions are: Co-directors, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officer positions are reviewed annually, appointed by the existing Leadership Board, begin service on July 1st, and may create additional positions as deemed necessary.

Requirement of Board Leadership: Member of HEFC in good standing Homeschooling for 2 years and HEFC member for one year before serving Appointed by the Leadership Board after careful consideration Commit to attend meetings for one complete fiscal year Carry out position duties as described and others as assigned or chosen

Director duties: To be the executive officer of the board and supervise all affairs of the organization. To arbitrate complaints/disagreements concerning associations and membership. To attend local and regional meetings regarding current homeschooling issues. To oversee the Leadership Board officers in the execution of their duties. To administrate the web site. To maintain the online calendar and approve submissions. To be a custodian of all membership records, forms, and registration.

Secretary duties: To record minutes at business meetings and publish them in a timely fashion. To assist with the web site management.

Treasurer duties: To be responsible for all funds and securities of the organization. To maintain detailed financial record using HEFC's bank account. To present a quarterly financial report. To maintain HEFC's bank register as an authorized agent.

Events and Meetings: All events are member planned and organized. Meetings are held 4 times a year, August, January, March and May. The August and May meetings are for the entire family. The January and March meetings are for parents only. Members must attend a minimum of 2 out of the 4 meetings per year. Leadership Board meetings are generally held quarterly or as needed.

Membership Dues: Dues are \$35 per family per year.