

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
LOWCOUNTRY CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION (LCHEA)
 Membership Year: June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015

The Association has been formed to provide support, guidance, and encouragement to one another as Home Educators based on closely held Christian principles. *We regret that families with children enrolled in virtual charter schooling (VCS or public school at home) are not eligible for LCHEA membership. Additionally, families who have both children receiving a VCS education and children receiving a traditional home school education as allowed through SC Code Section 59-65-40, 59-65-45, and 59-65-47 (see page 2 of this application) are not eligible for LCHEA membership.*
 See LCHEA Eligibility link at www.homeschool-life.com/sc/lchea

Complete all questions on this application, and mail to LCHEA with your check payment. The information you give is confidential.

Check one: New Member _____ Renewal _____

1. Add your family information to membership roster which is shared with LCHEA members only? Yes _____ No _____

2. Parents'/Parent's Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone (if may be placed on roster): _____

Family Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

Please write your email address clearly. Sometimes letters and numbers can be mistaken for each other.

3. Please tell us about each child that will be living in your home during the 2014-2015 school year. **For educational status, select from the following: Homeschooled, Pre –School Age, Post –High School, or Private/Public School (not in the home).**

<u>Name (First/Last)</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Educational Status</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Additional children may be listed on the back of this page.

4. Indicate your satellite group choice. If you don't have a preference, you may want to choose the one closest to your home. **Circle one only.**
 East Cooper Goose Creek North Charleston Summerville West Ashley

5. I/We hereby indicate by my/our signature(s) concurrence with LCHEA's Bylaws and LCHEA's Operating Guidelines, which are available on www.homeschool-life.com/sc/lchea. I/We understand that LCHEA is a support group for Christian home school families and assumes no responsibility as to instruction, curriculum, testing, or college recommendations. I/We understand that LCHEA is not taking the role of an accountability group and it is my/our responsibility to ensure that I/we have complied with South Carolina education requirements. I/We hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue LCHEA, its leadership, participants, or hosting churches and organizations from any and all claims, demands, losses or damages to myself, my child(ren), or my property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by the negligence of any of the listed parties. I/We further agree to indemnify LCHEA in the event that my acts or omissions or the acts or omissions of my child(ren) cause loss or damage to the organization, its leadership, participants, hosting churches, or third parties. Lastly, I/we also concur that I/we have no children currently living in my/our home that are enrolled in Virtual Charter School (VCS) education (public school at home). Note: VCS is not to be confused with Homeschool Option 1, the public school district (Section 59-65-40 of SC Code). **THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY BOTH PARENT(S)/LEGAL GUARDIAN(S).**

 Signature / Date
 Circle one: Mother Father Legal Guardian

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Note: This application will not be approved until both parent(s) or legal guardian(s) have concurred with LCHEA's Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct. Signatures will also be required on pages 3 and 4 of this application.

Name: _____	Phone: _____	Satellite Group: _____
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6. Will you have a home schooled senior in the 2014-2015 school year? If yes, check here: _____
Do you want information about the Senior Yearbook Section? _____ About LCHEA graduation? _____
7. Please choose a user name and password for access to the member's only section of the LCHEA website: www.homeschool-life.com/sc/lchea

Your user name and password must be 3 – 15 characters long. The best passwords are not duplicates of the user name or easily recognized words. Record your user name and password in a safe place so that you will have it available when you need it later.

_____ USER NAME
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

_____ PASSWORD
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

8. Indicate by checking the blank of the **one (1) accountability organization** you use to comply with SC law:
(Note: LCHEA is NOT an accountability organization.)

Section 59-65-40 of SC Code: Option 1: School District: _____ (County)
OR
Section 59-65-45 of SC Code: Option 2: SCAIHS: _____
OR
Section 59-65-47 of SC Code: Option 3: _____ (Group Name)

9. To verify compliance with LCHEA's membership policy, check here to confirm that no child within your home is using the South Carolina Virtual Charter School option: _____ *Please notify LCHEA leadership of any changes to this status during the school year, as it will affect your membership eligibility.*
10. Church you attend regularly: Name: _____ City: _____
11. Reason(s) for application (check all that apply): _____ New Home school Family _____ Renewal _____ New to the Area
12. _____ Year you started homeschooling
13. What skills and talents will your family bring to LCHEA to benefit our members? Examples might be playing a musical instrument, speaking another language, having strong organization skills, and having a love for working with people.

Circle payment option applicable:

New Member Dues: \$35.00 per membership year (June 1, 2014- May 31, 2015)

Renewing Member Dues: \$35.00 per membership year (June 1,2014- May 31, 2015)

Please also include other outstanding debt owed to LCHEA from the previous school year (library fines, returned check fees, etc).

Member Due Amount _____ **Other Debt Owed** _____ **Total Sent** _____ **Check #** _____

Checks should be made out to LCHEA.

Please make sure all application blanks above are complete. All checks returned for insufficient funds are subject to a minimum charge of \$15 or the equivalent bank processing fee, whichever is greater. Mail your completed application, with payment, to:

LCHEA P.O. Box 60057 North Charleston, SC 29419

Name:	Phone:	Satellite Group:
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I/We hereby indicate by my/our signature(s) that I/we have read and concur with LCHEA's Statement of Faith.

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I/We hereby indicate by my/our signature(s) that I/we understand that we must attend/participate in 2 LCHEA events/activities per membership year (June 1, 2014 and May 31, 2015)

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Please let us know how you served LCHEA in this past membership year (June 1, 2013 thru May 31, 2014)

PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE LCHEA-WIDE (Check one or more. Please contact your satellite leaders for options of where/how to serve within your satellite group:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative
<input type="checkbox"/> Book Sale
<input type="checkbox"/> Competitive Bees (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Father-Daughter Dance
<input type="checkbox"/> Graduation | <input type="checkbox"/> Kick-off Event
<input type="checkbox"/> LCHEA-wide Clubs
<input type="checkbox"/> NHS
<input type="checkbox"/> Orientations
<input type="checkbox"/> Prom
<input type="checkbox"/> PSAT Testing

<input type="checkbox"/> Stanford Testing | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Council North
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Council West
<input type="checkbox"/> Year-end Event
<input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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LCHEA Statement of Faith

A requirement for Association membership is adherence to the following Statement of Faith.

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in the three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential and that this salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and not as a result of good works.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and to perform good works.
6. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Taken from LCHEA Bylaws, Article X, Section 1)

LCHEA Code of Conduct

A requirement for Association membership is adherence to the following Code of Conduct, which will be the standard for all LCHEA activities/events and other LCHEA-related matters.

Lowcountry Christian Home Educators Association seeks to glorify Christ and encourage members in their home education endeavors. As Christians, we strive to “keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” in all of our communication and interaction with one another. This includes face-to-face interaction, as well as written communication on our LCHEA forums (Ephesians 4:1-3).

LCHEA member families (parents and students) agree to act in such a way that their words and actions promote encouragement of fellow LCHEA families and provide a witness of our relationship with Christ. Language, dress, and behavior should exemplify Christ (Colossians 3:17).

LCHEA activities/events, upon arrival to departure, should be smoke-free, alcohol-free, and free of other mood altering substances. Potentially offensive or harmful items should be left at home, ensuring that every activity/event remains as safe as possible for our membership and the community (Romans 12:12-13).

LCHEA member families (parents and students) agree to avoid disrespectful, immoral, intimidating, or rude behavior at LCHEA activities/events or in the presence of other members. We want to encourage one another with the love of God and seek to glorify Him at all times. (Romans 16:17-18)

LCHEA Member families agree to refrain from gossip, backbiting, and slander (Ephesians 4:29-32). If a personal conflict situation arises with another member during a LCHEA activity/event, pursue peace and forgiveness by first speaking with the individual member privately. If the situation cannot be resolved individually, please contact the LCHEA Activity/Event Coordinator or Satellite Leader for the next step to reconciliation (Matthew 18:15-16).

LCHEA member families agree to be responsible for their own children’s behavior to ensure that they comply with this standard of conduct for all LCHEA activities/events (Colossians 3:20).

Refer to the LCHEA Bylaws and Operating Guidelines for additional information related to compliance with the Code of Conduct.

(Taken from LCHEA Bylaws, Article XI, Section 1)