

# Membership Information

We appreciate your interest in GATE HSA (Godly Academic Teaching & Enrichment Home School Association) to supplement the home schooling experience of your family. This document will guide you as you consider the application requirements and process for GATE membership.

## Is GATE Home School Association Right for Your Family

To help ensure it is right for you, please take the time to complete the following:

First, review the Application package. This package presents the tenants of faith that we operate under and asks for personal information and references from you. You must agree with the statements and be willing to provide the requested information.

Secondly, read through the Handbook to learn about the policies and agreements of GATE (available online). These procedures, guidelines, and agreements have been carefully developed to help the cooperative run smoothly while providing an equitable and reasonable experience for all concerned. Your entire family will be expected to meet or exceed the standards presented therein.

Finally, pray for guidance and discuss with your family whether this cooperative based association meets the expectations and needs of your family at this time. If it does and your family is willing to participate within the parameters presented in GATE documents, you are ready to complete an application.

## Applying for Membership

Your complete application includes the following forms:

**Family Information and Agreement**

**Abilities Survey**

**Statement of Faith (with testimony)**

**Application Deposit (please refer to website for current application deposit amount)**

Submit the complete application with an application deposit by check made out to GATE, or cash (do not mail cash). Submissions may be made in person, by mail, or email. You may submit in person on any day the cooperative meets. You may print forms to fill in and mail it to us at the appropriate address or scan and email your forms. If you email your application, your deposit must be mailed separately to the address listed.

Email forms to: [info@gatehsc.org](mailto:info@gatehsc.org) (please mail check separately)

Send paper forms and all payments to: GATE PO Box 2244 Allen, TX 75013

An application for membership is complete only when a complete application and deposit are received by GATE. For emailed forms, the application is held until payment is received. Only complete applications with deposit will be reviewed and considered for membership.

Deposits are held until the family is confirmed for membership and we are able to place your family in the cooperative. You will be contacted when we accept your membership and at that time you will indicate that you would like to commit. If you commit, your check or cash will be deposited and you will receive information for participating in the classes for the upcoming semester.

If you have any questions during your application process or want to check on your family's status, please contact us at [info@gatehsc.org](mailto:info@gatehsc.org). Thank you again for your interest in GATE Home School Association Co-op.

# Family Information and Agreement

Complete application for membership includes this Information and Agreement form, the Abilities Survey, the signed Statement of Faith with testimony, and payment of current application fee.

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Main Phone \_\_\_\_\_ designate: Land line Cell Mom Home text? Y N

Main Email \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: We communicate almost exclusively through email; By signing this form, the family agrees to check email regularly and understands that failure to do so does not release family from responsibility or allow them special considerations.**

Church Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Member? Y N

How long at this church? \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years home schooling \_\_\_\_\_ Are any children not home schooled? N Y

Are you/have you been a member of a home school support group or another co-op?

Home school support \_\_\_\_\_ (#Years)

Other Co-op \_\_\_\_\_ (#Years)

Please provide 4 references for you and your family: 2 **academic** (includes work, volunteer, or co-op peers) and 2 **spiritual** (Bible study leaders, Life group members, others who know your walk with the Lord). References from current GATE HSA members are beneficial. By signing this form, you grant permission for us to contact your references and perform a background check as needed to determine if and how your family will fit within the requirements of membership in this association.

Name	Email	Phone/Cell/Text
<i>Academic</i>	_____	_____
<i>Academic</i>	_____	_____
<i>Spiritual</i>	_____	_____
<i>Spiritual</i>	_____	_____

Please list names of adults and children applying for GATE membership, including nursery and preschool children, as they would appear on a nametag

Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Children (birthdate/ grade) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Agreement:

I/We have read the documents describing the requirements of GATE HSA membership including the Policies, Statements, Releases, and Agreements, and understand our entire family will be expected to abide by them when we participate in co-op activities. Furthermore, our family agrees to abide by the laws of the state of Texas, including any laws concerning home schooling.

Signature of one parent binds entire family

Printed Name

Date

GATE HSA use only

APP: ___ Info ___ SoF ___ AS	REF: ___ SG ___ CH ___ Ac ___ Sp	FEE: _____	Placed: _____
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# Statement of Faith

*Please read and complete this form showing your agreement with the spiritual goals and purposes of GATE. This form is one part of the Application for Membership.*

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## GATE HSA Statement of Faith and Beliefs

*(you may want to reference our supplemental scripture list for NIV version of all referenced scriptures)*

- The Trinity: We believe that there is one, true God, who exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. (Is 43:10-11; Eph 4:6; Deut 6:4; 1 Cor 8:6; John 10:30; John 10: 37-38; John 15:26; John 17:1-26)
- The Canon: We believe The Holy Bible is the definitive, inspired Word of God. It is infallible, authoritative and inerrant in its original form in whole and in part. The Holy Bible is the only book of God's Word, constituting complete and final revelation. No other text is equal to or greater than The Holy Bible. The Holy Bible cannot be added to, nor can texts be deleted from it. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Matt. 5: 17-18; Rev. 22:18-19)
- Incarnation We believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe Jesus is God. He came into the world in human flesh, fully God and fully man. We believe in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. The central purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ was to pay the penalty for man's sin through crucifixion. (John 1:1-14; Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:35; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; Heb. 7:25; Heb. 9:12; Col. 1:13-14; John 2:11; John 11:25; Acts 1:11; Rev. 19:11-16)
- Resurrection: We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost--those who are saved unto eternal life and those who are lost unto eternal damnation. (John 5:28-29; Romans 6:23; 2 Cor. 5:19-21)
- Creation: We hold that all of creation is a direct act of God (as opposed to evolution, which, by definition, opposes intelligent design). We believe that man is a separate creation from animals. (Genesis 1:26-28, 5:1-2)
- Original Sin and Salvation: We believe that man is sinful by nature and that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential for salvation. Salvation is a free gift from God, which must be responded to by individual faith and repentance. Salvation does not come from trusting in any personal works whatsoever, but in the sacrificial, atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ alone. (Romans 3:19-26; 1 Cor 15:17-22; John 3:16-21; Eph 2:3-5; Titus 3:5-7; Is 43:13)
- New Creation in Christ: We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life. (2 Cor 5:17-20; Eph 2:14-20; Eph 4:30-32; Eph 5:18; 1 Cor 6:19; Romans 8:18-28)
- Definition of Marriage and Family: We hold that the Biblical model and definition of family is a husband and a wife and the children God gives them through birth, adoption, or guardianship. The family unit is accountable to each other and to God. (Genesis 2:18-24; Deut 5:16; Deut 32:46; Prov 12:4; Mal 2:15; Eph 5:22-28; Eph 6:1)

Parent Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

- Education: We hold as belief and conviction that children are given by God as a stewardship to the parent, not the state, and that parents have the ability and authority to teach and educate their own children. (Prov. 22:6; Deut. 6:6-7; Eph. 6:4, Ps. 127:3-5).
- Attitude: While striving to have the same attitude as Christ, and looking not only to self, but also to the interest of others, we hold to the maxim "In essentials unity, nonessentials liberty and in all things charity." (Prov 12:28; Romans 8:9; Eph 5:19-21; Phil 2:3-11; Phil 2:14-16)

### Statement of Non-affiliation

GATE HSA is not affiliated with any one denomination or religion, and neither supports nor endorses the World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, or any other world, national, or regional organization which gives Christian recognition to unbelievers or advocates multi-faith religious unity.

### Denominational Differences

GATE HSA's Statement of Faith is fundamental to basic Christian tenets and contains those doctrines to which we unreservedly adhere. However, the following areas are left primarily to the teaching of the home and church and will not be taught, discussed or practiced during co-op activities:

1. Church government, authority and discipline
2. Time and mode of baptism
3. Security of the believer
4. Timing of future events or Tribulations
5. Second work of grace or baptism of the Holy Spirit
6. Sinless perfection
7. Gifts of the Spirit, tongues, interpretation of tongues, healing, miracle working and discerning of spirits
8. How to pray
9. Election or Predestination

### Member family agreement:

Any adult teaching or holding a leadership position of GATE HSA must have previously placed his/her faith in Jesus Christ and received salvation from Him alone. A brief testimony of faith (1 paragraph) for each adult who will be participating in the cooperative shall be included with this application.

We agree with the tenants of Christian faith and the unified purposes of the statements listed herein, and will ensure that our family abides by these during any participation in GATE HSA activities.

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One Parent Signature

Printed Name

Date

**Testimony of Salvation Experience:**

Any adult teaching or holding a leadership position of GATE HSA must have previously placed his/her faith in Jesus Christ and received salvation from Him alone. Please provide a brief testimony of faith (1 paragraph) for each adult who will be participating in the cooperative.

# Family Abilities Survey

Please complete this survey to help us know about the abilities and gifts available within our co-op that could benefit the goals and purposes of GATE. This form is one part of the Application for Membership.

Family Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Father Contact \_\_\_\_\_ circle one: Land line Cell Phone

Mother Contact \_\_\_\_\_ circle one: Land line Cell Phone

Main Family Email \_\_\_\_\_

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List your spiritual gifts and given talents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List your interests, hobbies, experiences in service projects or civic groups:

Father \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List any training, profession, higher education or degrees you have:

Father \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any classes you have previously taught at home, in a group setting or other co-op that you would be interested in teaching: \_\_\_Yes *use back for listing* \_\_\_ No

Grade levels you are willing to teach \_\_\_Nursery/PreK \_\_\_K-2 \_\_\_3-5 \_\_\_6-8 \_\_\_9-12

Is there any physical impairment that would restrict or limit your participation in set up or clean up services in the co-op? No Yes If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate mother or father next to class, and if applicable, the grade level of the class  
Classes previously taught

Classes you would be interested in teaching

Other class ideas or classes you desire for your student(s). Please indicate if you might be willing to teach or co-teach.