

Forsyth Home Educators Membership Form Directions

Membership in FHE is available to all homeschooling families in Forsyth County and surrounding areas who agree to uphold FHE's Statement of Purpose and comply with the North Carolina homeschool law. Dues support activities of FHE throughout the year. For the current school year, the membership fee is \$10 for electronic newsletter delivery, or \$20 for the printed/mailed newsletter option. Members will receive ten monthly issues (August through May) of *FHE Homeschool Journal* and the annual directory, plus updates of FHE members. Sports fees include FHE membership with an electronic subscription. (This will be verified through the FHE Athletic Committee.) An additional \$10 is needed to have a paper copy mailed. (Half year pro-rated fees are \$5 electronic or \$10 printed copy after December 31.)

Before you make your selection of electronic vs. paper newsletter, you should try accessing a sample newsletter file which has been protected by a password. You must have the Adobe Acrobat Reader installed, and it should be version 5.1 or higher. Go to the join FHE page on the web site, www.ncfhe.org. Try opening the test document using the password of TestCode when prompted. The case of the password letters must be entered exactly as listed. If you can read this document, you should have no trouble accessing the electronic newsletter files.

Please complete the membership form using the information on this page.

If you wish to have some information excluded from the annual directory please list it at the top of your form.

Select a level of membership—Please “X” one option only:

Applying for Full Membership

To qualify for Full Membership, applicants must:

1. live in Forsyth County or any bordering county (i.e., Davidson, Davie, Guilford, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, or Yadkin)
2. AND have a child(ren) who is(are): pre-compulsory school age OR currently enrolled in a homeschool that is registered with DNPE and/or in full compliance with North Carolina homeschooling law OR graduated from homeschooling.

Applying for Associate Membership

Associate Membership is available to those who do not qualify for Full Membership.

Determine the method of receiving the newsletter.

We suggest you list all children residing in your home. Many families also list their homeschool graduates, whether or not they still reside in the home. Please select a status code for your students. Birthdates of students over 18 will not be included in the directory.

*STATUS CODES:

Blank (indicates homeschooling from birth through high school)

O (indicates public/private daycare or school through grade 12)

HG (indicates homeschool graduate) or PG (indicates public/private school graduate)

Feel free to include any graduates that you would like to add to your family list.

Optional membership/ID cards can be issued to each adult member and to each homeschooled child in the family ages 3 and up. This is done at NO additional cost to you, but \$2 is required for the envelope and postage to mail the completed cards to you. Photo ID's are useful for students for identification, discounts and/or admission. **Some members choose to get new photo ID's made every other year.** If you are interested in obtaining photo ID cards for your family send a picture of each member/student to idcards@ncfhe.org and please note a name for each photo. If digital photos are not available please mail photos with your membership form and check. The photos will be returned with your completed membership cards. The **DEADLINE** to send in your ID photos is **October 10**. You may also select ID cards without photos. Just note this.

Include \$2 to have your new finished photo ID cards mailed to you, please. Check the box on your membership renewal. If you decide to add this option after you have mailed your membership, mail it later, payable to FHE c/o FHE Treasurer, Donna Stamper, 5220 Bear Creek Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. The check will cover the cost of a padded envelope and the postage.

Please mail this completed form, along with a check payable to FORSYTH HOME EDUCATORS, to:

ATTN: Membership

Forsyth Home Educators

PO Box 601

Pfafftown, NC 27040-0601

FORM MUST BE POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 1, FOR FULL-YEAR MEMBERSHIP

Forsyth Home Educators Membership Form

The information on this form will be published in the FHE Directory, except for information you have specified below:

Levels of Membership—Please “X” one: _____Applying for Full Membership _____Applying for Associate Membership

PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN (Last, First): _____ ID Yes/No

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STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP+4: _____

COUNTY: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

HOME PHONE WITH AREA CODE: (_____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

Newsletter delivery method: ____ Electronic - \$10.00 OR ____ Printed/US Mail - \$20.00

(Pro-rated fees are \$5 electronic or \$10 printed copy after December 31.)

Sports fees include FHE membership with an electronic subscription. An additional \$10 is needed to have a paper copy mailed.

_____ \$2 fee enclosed to have ID cards mailed (Cards are included in your membership; however, \$2 must be included for postage.)

Please list your children (oldest to youngest) and designate current educational status. Continue on additional sheet if needed.

*STATUS CODES:

Blank indicates homeschooling

O (indicates public/private daycare or school through grade 12)

HG (indicates homeschool graduate)

PG (indicates public/private school graduate)

Last Name	First Name	Birthdate	ID Card (Yes or No)	Status Code*	FHE Sports Team**
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I/we certify that I/we:

1. meet the qualifications membership;
2. have read and agree to the By-Laws of FHE;
3. have read and agree to abide by the Standards of Conduct;
4. will not divulge passwords to electronic documents to anyone.

I hereby allow photographs and video of our family participation in FHE events to be published via print, television, videos, or websites which are affiliated with FHE. I understand that publication may be accomplished electronically via the Internet/World Wide Web, and that after publication the Group will be unable to prevent persons from gaining access to the Internet/World Wide Web, copying my photographs and video there from, and subsequently using, altering, or republishing it without my consent. I waive any claim for damages against the Group from the un-consented-to use, alteration, or republication of my photographs and video by third parties accessing the Internet/World Wide Web, television, or obtaining copies of the print or video material. Additionally, I understand the Group could be taking pictures at FHE events for use in newsletters, on posters, and/or in the yearbook. I give my permission for pictures to be used without monetary compensation.

Signature of Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s

FORSYTH HOME EDUCATORS, INC. BY-LAWS

Forsyth Home Educators, Inc. (FHE) is a Christian homeschool support group serving Forsyth County, North Carolina, and surrounding areas. For purposes of this document, “homeschool” is defined as “a non-public school in which one or more children of not more than two families or households receive academic instruction from parents or legal guardians, or a member of either household.” (North Carolina General Statutes §115C-563)

FHE is a diverse and inclusive group, and welcomes members regardless of ethnicity, faith, or marital status who agree to respect the Christian principles in the Statement of Faith (see Article VI) and abide by the Standards of Conduct as approved by the Board.

In the event that FHE dissolves, all assets shall be distributed to a charitable or religious corporation that is exempt under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3) or any successor section.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization is Forsyth Home Educators, Inc. (FHE).

Article II: Purpose

FHE purposes to help new and continuing home educators by:

- A. helping and encouraging parents to fulfill their God-given rights and responsibilities to educate their own children;
- B. providing direction to information on the legal aspects of home education (e.g., contact information for the North Carolina General Statutes, North Carolina Division of Non-Public Education, North Carolinians for Home Education, Home School Legal Defense Association);
- C. providing information on curricula and other resource materials;
- D. providing timely information about FHE events;
- E. offering peer support, encouragement, and networking opportunities to families choosing home education for their children;
- F. promoting growth and education for the whole person—mind, body, and spirit; and
- G. promoting home education as an excellent educational alternative.

Article III: Ideals of Home Education

FHE holds that the ideals of home education are:

- A. the parents’ God-given authority over their children and responsibility for their education and discipline;
- B. educational excellence;
- C. protection and promotion of the family;
- D. diligence in moral and ethical instruction;
- E. responsible citizenship; and
- F. freedom of choice among educational alternatives.

Article IV: Membership

- A. All those wishing to become members of FHE must agree (by signing the annual membership form) to:
 - 1. respect Christian principles AND
 - 2. honor the ideals of home education AND
 - 3. abide by the Standards of Conduct as established by the Board.
- B. Membership is offered on a household basis.
- C. Membership is available on two levels—Full and Associate.
- D. To qualify for Full Membership, applicants must:
 - 1. live in Forsyth County or any bordering county (i.e., Davidson, Davie, Guilford, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, or Yadkin) AND
 - 2. have child(ren) who is/are:
 - a. all pre-compulsory school age OR
 - b. currently enrolled in a homeschool that is registered with DNPE and/or in full compliance with North Carolina homeschooling law OR
 - c. graduated from homeschooling.
- E. Associate Membership is available to those who do not qualify for Full Membership.
- F. The following benefits are provided to all members:
 - 1. a monthly newsletter published from August through May
 - 2. access to FHE’s website
 - 3. participation in general FHE activities (e.g., social events)
- G. The following benefits are provided to Full Members only:
 - 1. participation in FHE-sponsored student enrichment or extra-curricular activities (e.g., athletics, academic competitions, enrichment co-ops)

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2. membership directory (unless choosing to be excluded from print)
 3. right to nominate and vote for Board members
 4. right to submit and vote on proposed amendments to the by-laws (see Article VII)
- H. Annual membership dues will be payable by September 1 (along with a completed membership form) and will provide for membership through the following August 31. The cost of dues will be determined each spring by the Board. Membership dues are non-refundable and non-pro-rated. Hardship scholarships for membership dues may be approved by the Board.
- I. Membership may be revoked by a two-thirds () vote of the Board upon violation by the member of the Standards of Conduct or any other written provision approved by the Board.

Article V: Board

- A. The Board is the primary governing body of FHE.
- B. The Board will consist of seven Full members—four by title (President, Administrative Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary) and three at-large.
- C. Full members seeking election to the Board must meet the following additional criteria:
 1. FHE Full member in good standing for most recent full school year (i.e., September 1 through August 31) AND
 2. have homeschooled during two most recent full school years OR graduated homeschoolers AND
 3. sign FHE's Statement of Faith (see Article VI) prior to name being placed on the ballot
- D. Mail-in balloting for Board positions shall be conducted each May. Votes will be tallied by two Full members who are not running for Board positions. Board members will be approved by a simple majority of returned ballots.
- E. Board members will serve for one full school year. There will be no term limits. Mid-term vacancies will be filled by Board appointment.
- F. A Board member must resign if s/he no longer meets the qualifications of Full Membership (see Article IV, Sections A and D) or Board membership (see Section C above).
- G. The Board may remove a Board member by two-thirds () vote.
- H. The Board shall appoint committees as necessary for the operation of FHE. All committees must be re-approved each year.

Article VI: Statement of Faith

- A. We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God and is inerrant and infallible in the original writings. (*II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:21*)
- B. We believe in the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (*Genesis 1:1–2; John 1:1, 10:30, 37–38*)
- C. We believe that the Father created the heavens and the earth and everything in them. (*Genesis 1:1–31*)
- D. We believe by the miracle of the virgin birth that the Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of God, became man without ceasing to be God, in order to reveal God and to redeem man, that He died for our sins and rose bodily from the dead for our justification. We believe He now is exalted at the right hand of God, that He is the Head of the Church, the Lord of the individual believer, that He is ministering as our Great High Priest and Advocate. We are awaiting His bodily return. (*Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18–23; Luke 1:35; John 1:14, 18; Hebrews 4:14–15, 7:25–27; Romans 4:25; Acts 1:11; Ephesians 1:20–23*)
- E. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and that He reproves the world of sin, regenerates the believing sinner, and baptizes him into the Body of Christ. (*John 16:7–8, 13–15; Titus 3:5–6; I Corinthians 12:12–13*)
- F. We believe that man was created in the image of God, but that he sinned, incurring not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. (*Genesis 1:27, 2:16–17; Romans 5:12–14*)
- G. We believe that salvation is the free gift of God to be received only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and by which we are restored to eternal life. (*John 3:16, 5:24, 11:25; Romans 5:15–21; Ephesians 2:8–10*)
- H. We believe that the true Church is composed of all who have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and thereby constitutes a spiritual unity of believers, the Body of Christ. (*Romans 8:9–11; I Corinthians 12:12–13; Galatians 3:26–28*)
- I. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, and in the final judgment. (*John 5:28–29*)

Article VII: Amending By-Laws

- A. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Board.
- B. Proposed amendments must be published in the newsletter for two consecutive issues (within one school year) prior to a mail-in ballot for approval or rejection.
- C. Proposed amendments will be accepted upon the approval of two-thirds () of the returned ballots.

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STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

All members of Forsyth Home Educators (FHE), and their students and guests, shall abide by the following standards of behavior:

- Membership in FHE is required in order to participate in any FHE-sponsored activities, with exceptions (such as by personal or open invitation as a guest) as prescribed by the guidelines for specific activities.
- Members may not use the FHE Directory for commercial solicitation purposes. They may not distribute the directory in any form to anyone else for any reason.
- Only the Board and those designated by the Board should speak officially for FHE.
- Parents/homeschool officials are responsible for the behavior of their students and guests. If the parents are unable to attend an event or must leave during an event, they must notify another parent of their whereabouts and provide contact information. However, they are still directly responsible for the behavior of their students.
- Proper respect will be displayed at all times for: (1) all posted and otherwise disclosed rules of premises, (2) personal property, and (3) those in authority, including other parents.
- Members should refrain from attending any activity when there is illness in the family such as fever in the last 24 hours or a known or suspected communicable disease.
- No profanity, coarse jesting, or other hurtful language will be tolerated. Members are to refrain from harassing behavior towards other members and event attendees, including (but not limited to) matters of religion, academics, or politics. These and other topics may be discussed in a mutually civil manner.
- Modest and appropriate attire will be worn at all times.
- Inappropriate displays of affection are not acceptable.
- When a reservation is required, such reservation must be made by the deadline and any associated fees will be non-refundable, except at the sole discretion of the activity leadership.
- Punctuality is expected for all timed events, including field trips, theatre performances, and scheduled classes. It is possible that you may not be admitted after the stated time.
- Clean-up after FHE activities is the responsibility of the activity leadership, with assistance from all attendees.

RESPONSE TO BREACH OF STANDARDS

- If personal harm is involved, the leadership of that activity should be notified immediately.
- Any FHE member who observes conduct that is not consistent with these standards is requested to remind the offender (and/or parents, in the case of minors) of these standards.
- If such conduct persists, please advise the leadership of the activity, who may request that the offending individual leave.
- The leadership of an activity may request that the Board take action regarding repeat offenders.
- The Board, at a regularly scheduled or special meeting, will determine the course of action, which may include (but is not limited to) verbal or written warning, temporary barring from activities, or cancellation of FHE membership.
- If disciplinary action is taken by the Board, no refund or reduction of FHE membership dues or activities fees will be granted.