

CHEFS
Carolina Home Educators Family Support
www.chefsgroup.org

Our Purpose

- To provide support and encouragement to families choosing to independently home educate their children.
- To provide educational & social opportunities for independently home school children.
- To favorably represent home education within our community.

Statement of Faith

*We believe in Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Son of God and Savior of the world,
and upon His infallible word, the Holy Bible.*

Although we do not require the general membership of CHEFS to accept our Statement of Faith or to participate in any Christian activities, our Board members are Christians. The decisions we make for the group as a whole are based on our Statement of Faith and are governed by Christian principles as defined by Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His infallible word, the Holy Bible.

Membership

CHEFS welcomes new and returning members from Chesterfield and Marlboro counties of SC, Anson and Richmond counties of NC and surrounding areas.

Joining CHEFS allows you to take part in our various activities throughout the year. We try to keep all members informed of upcoming events and activities through our website at www.chefsgroup.org, with timely e-mails, or personal contact. However, it is the responsibility of each member to check the website and emails for updates, instructions, and sign-ups on a regular basis.

- Parents or guardians of at least one child, whom they are presently independently home schooling are eligible to join.
- Students enrolled in public e-schools, public virtual schools, or public charter schools are not eligible to join as they are legally classified as public school students, not home schooling students, and thus governed by public school laws.
- Please read our Statement of Faith. Recognize and respect that we uphold these beliefs. These beliefs are also often discussed and acted upon in all areas of our group.
- Registration is held from June-September for returning families. New members may join throughout the year. Membership dues are \$15 for the year (June - May), part of which is used for website upkeep, advertising, and subsidizing activity costs.
- The privacy of CHEFS members is important. By virtue of joining CHEFS, member families automatically agree to keep all information about other members and CHEFS activities confidential. We do not share any information with third-parties other than headcounts and age ranges. This is so field trip hosts can prepare.

**CHEFS
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Thank you for your interest in Carolina Home Educators Family Support, CHEFS. Each family is important to CHEFS. Please read and recognize the attached membership guidelines before registering. We welcome questions and input.

Parent Information

Family Name _____

	Father	Mother	<i>Emergency Contact</i>
Name			
Cell/ Work			
Education (<i>GED, HS,</i>			
Special Interests/ Talents			
Other Information			

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Email address (primary) _____

Email address (secondary) _____

Years Home Schooling _____

Venues

Are you currently a member of a church or organization that would allow us to use their facilities for one or more special events throughout the year? _____

Testing

If you hold a Bachelor's Degree or higher, would you be interested in becoming a certified Standardized Tester for CHEFS? _____

Child/ Children's Information

First Name	Gender	Birth Date	Grade	Allergies	Hobbies	Other Info

Ideas/ Suggestions

Feel free to share ideas or suggestions that you feel would make CHEFS the best experience for all of our families (i.e. special events, educational opportunities, organizational ideas, etc.) As parents, it is up to all of us to work together to make this group a success.

By signing this application, I hereby agree to respect & keep the tenets of CHEFS, to reciprocally protect the privacy of CHEFS & CHEFS members, and I declare to the best of my knowledge that I am in compliance with my state's home school laws.

(Parent's Signature)

(Date)

CHEFS
Parental/Legal Guardian Media Consent Form

CHEFS protects the privacy of all members and will not release personal information without written consent.

There will be times when CHEFS students/ families may participate in community events, such as festivals, contests, volunteer opportunities, etc. where representatives of the media will be present. Also, from time to time, representatives of the media are invited to cover home school events. When this happens, there is a possibility your child/children may be photographed, videotaped, or interviewed for the news story.

I hereby consent to the use of any photographs/video tape taken of my child by CHEFS or the media for the purpose of advertising or publicizing events, activities, educational functions and programs of CHEFS in newspapers, newsletters, website, other publications, television, radio and other communications and advertising media.

_____ Yes, I allow my child/children to be identified in any CHEFS news event for publication.

_____ No, I do not want my child/children identified in any CHEFS news event for publication.

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Children's Names	

Parent/Guardian Name:

(print) _____

Signature _____