

CENLA CHRISTIAN HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

First Steps Membership

We, the Cenla Christian Home School Association, are established as a private organization to support Christian families in Christian home education.

First Steps is a discounted membership and is designed as an introductory program for families who are interested in exploring homeschooling or just beginning their homeschooling journey. First Steps aims to help new homeschoolers gain confidence, learn best practices, and become familiar with homeschooling requirements and opportunities. Membership in First Steps is open to families whose oldest child is under the age of compulsory school attendance in Louisiana as of September 30th of the current school year. The state letter submission requirement is waived under this membership. Members may choose to transition to standard membership once their children reach compulsory school age. There are no voting rights or leadership eligibility with this membership.

Application for membership is open to any home education families who are able to subscribe to and sign the Statement of Faith. Members must also agree to abide by the CCHSA Constitution and Bylaws, and the Policies and Procedures established by the organization's Board of Directors.

Statement of Faith

1. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
2. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin and is therefore lost, and only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ alone, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, can be saved.
5. We believe that salvation is the free gift of God, brought to the sinner by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin.

6. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict mankind, and to indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.

7. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that individual doctrinal differences that may exist, except the aforementioned (1-6), should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.

FIRST STEPS MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

I/We, the undersigned, do hereby affirm that I/we agree and understand that the mission of CCHSA is to provide an organization of support that is in alignment with Christian values and principles as partially outlined in the Statement of Faith above. Furthermore, I/we do hereby affirm that I/we have fully read the CCHSA Statement of Faith and fully agree to respect the membership Statement of Faith in both word and action while participating in all CCHSA activities. I/We also agree to abide by the CCHSA code of conduct in all public meetings or gatherings related to CCHSA, including but not limited to: field trips, group activities, and presentations. I/We understand that First Steps Members are not allowed to serve on the board or voting privileges.