

CHB 2010-11 Membership Application Instructions

One of the unique qualities and an important reason for the success of CHB is our requirement that all members be active workers in the group. We plan at length to have meaningful activities and events that are both encouraging and informative. A few people shouldering all of the work could accomplish these goals. But it is our design that each family shares a part in the operation of the organization. To this end, we ask each member family to choose a place to volunteer and annually complete a self-evaluation of their participation and their satisfaction with CHB.

Part 1: Member Information

- A. One of the ways that CHB keeps our annual fee as low as possible is the use of e-mail and the web site, www.ch-eb.org for all communication. While having an e-mail address is not an absolute requirement, it is not possible for the leadership to make special accommodations for members without one. Ideas for families in this situation include: use of the public terminals at the library with a web-based e-mail address, finding another member who lives close-by to print necessary forms and info, or giving a friend a quantity of self-addressed envelopes and asking them to print for you. PLEASE send any changes in your home address, phone number, or e-mail address to info@ch-eb.org or the current communications/membership chairperson. All of these people work closely together to keep the membership directory accurate and up to date.
- B. In order to plan activities for different age/grade levels it is necessary to have some basic information about your children. Curriculum information helps match up parents interested in speaking with others regarding their experiences. Please provide **grade/age information** based on a date of **September 1, 2010**.
- C. We are un-apologetically the Christian Home-educators of the Bluegrass. As homeschooling parents we desire to come together with like-minded believers to support each other in homeschooling. To this end we ask each family to describe their affiliation with a local church body. Families desiring membership who are not regular attendees of a local congregation should describe their situation on a separate sheet of paper.
- D. In an effort obtain quantity group membership discounts, to foster alliances with other groups, and to help educate our membership regarding national/regional opportunities it is helpful to know who in our membership also participates in other groups.
- E. CHB has an obligation to make sure that our member families understand the requirements for home-schooling in the Commonwealth. We ask this question to be able to offer continuing training to our members who may need it.
- F. In order to best assist families who are transitioning from other schooling methods to homeschooling, it is helpful to know your previous experience. You may check more than one if applicable.
- G. CHB leadership has developed positive working relationships with both Fayette County Public Schools and the Kentucky Department of Education. We screen our membership to avoid situations that may jeopardize our reputation or not be bona fide home schools.

Part 2: Volunteer Information

- H. Parents are required to volunteer on at least one committee and be responsible for a set of defined tasks within an event or to serve as co-leader of a major activity. Some CHB activities (Learning Zone, Testing, etc.) have mandatory work requirements and may not be counted as fulfilling volunteer requirements unless a significant leadership position is accepted. Families should choose one primary committee each year. Families unsure of what committee to choose may select the Wherever option for one year only. In subsequent years a committee must be chosen. Descriptions are on the web site: <http://www.ch-eb.org/documents/committees.shtml>
- I. Remembering that this organization is designed with the goal of every family unit sharing in its operation. Renewing members, please use the space provided to describe how you have contributed your time and talents to CHB in the past year. Please be very specific: naming committees and activities with which you have worked. If you have not been a working participant, use a separate sheet of paper to explain your situation and how you plan to overcome this in the year to come.

Part 3: Signature and Fees

- J. **Please sign** the application indicating that you have read and understand the instructions and that the information is accurate.
- K. **Remit** the appropriate fees to the address at the bottom of the form. New Members receive an additional packet of homeschool information, thus the \$5 premium. For an additional \$5, you may choose the option of having your CHB Directory and New Member Handbook printed and mailed to you; otherwise Handbooks must be picked up and Directories will be e-mailed.

Mail completed application to: CHB Membership, PO Box 25072, Lexington, KY 40524-5072

Christian Home-Educators of the Bluegrass -- 2010-11 Application Form

PART 1: Member Information

A. Parents Last Name: _____ Dad: _____ Mom: _____
 Address: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____
 Primary e-mail address: _____
 Backup/secondary address: _____

B.	Child's Name	Grade*	Age*	Sex	Curriculum
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					

* Please provide grade/age information based on a date of **September 1, 2010**. Use PK or PH to indicate Pre-K or Post High.

C. Church Name: _____ We attend regularly. Yes: No:

D. What other home school organizations are you a part of: _____
 HSLDA CHEK JCHEA Other

E. Kentucky has laws and best practices for home-educators. Do you understand these documents?
 We are fully aware and compliant We could use some help making sure we're compliant

F. My child(ren) have most recently: (check all that apply) not been old enough for school:
 been attending public school: been attending private school: been home schooled:

G. Are there any outstanding issues with local officials regarding the education of your children?
 No Yes If so, please attach a written explanation with this application

PART 2: CHB Volunteer Information

H. Select one of the following Volunteer categories. Members who have previously arranged to serve on an existing committee should so indicate on the top line.

Other – I have already been assigned to this committee: Choose one

Wherever Needed – Our family will serve where we can best be used. May only be used for one year!

Communication – Newsletter, Membership Data entry, Web-site maintenance.

Field Trips – museum, theater, tours, etc.

Fellowship – Bash, Achievement night, holiday events

Renewing Members Only: Use this space to describe your volunteer work last year. See notes.

I. _____

PART 3. Signature and Fees:

J. I have read instructions and completed application to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____
 Date: _____

K. New Members (incl. New Member Handbook)	\$30	0
Renewing Members	\$25	0
Add \$5 to have your CHB directory printed and mailed to your home (Optional)	\$5	0
Total Fees:		0

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