

Home Educators of Richland and Lexington District 5

2020-2021 Membership Application Form
(Revised 07/19/2020)

www.HERALD5.com

Please be sure to read all of the following information and then provide all necessary information and signatures.

- I. **History: HERALD 5 (H5)** was founded in 1986 as a support group for home schooling families in the St. Andrews/Irmo/Chapin areas; however, residence in Lexington/Richland District 5 is not required for membership. We are a volunteer organization, comprised of members who educate, have educated, or intend to educate one or more of their children at home.
- II. **Virtual Charter School Information:** Because HERALD 5 is a support group for homeschoolers and not public school students, Virtual Charter School families cannot be admitted to HERALD 5. Know that this decision was made only after extensive research by our HERALD 5 Supervisory Council as a means to insure the continued freedoms of families within our homeschooling community. For detailed information on the subtle dangers of VCSs, please see all related articles at www.schea.net and www.hslda.org.
- III. **Membership Requirements:**
 - 1) Membership becomes official upon completion of a HERALD 5 application and payment of dues.
 - 2) Participation:
 - Attendance at the fall or spring large-group event is **strongly** recommended. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there may not be large group events this academic school year. More information will be sent out about this in the near future.
 - You are strongly encouraged to attend as many HERALD 5-sponsored activities as possible. A support group works best when each member participates!
 - Completion of 1 volunteer job within the HERALD 5 group: **HERALD 5 is a volunteer organization**. This support group would not exist without the cooperation of all of its members. It is mandatory that each member complete a job during the school year in order to maintain active member status. Refer to www.HERALD5.com for a list of volunteer opportunities.
 - 3) Proper Conduct/Responsibilities: As a group whose By-Laws are based on Biblical principles, we have a responsibility to protect the reputation of Christ and His church. Therefore, parents and students are expected to exhibit Christ-like behavior during any and all HERALD 5 related activities.
 - 4) Membership may be refused for those who have not met the previous year's membership requirements.

Please sign the signature line provided on page 4, section C, to indicate you intend to meet membership expectations.

IV. Parents of High School Students: ATTENTION parents of the class of 2021 - If your student is planning to participate in the 2020-2021 HERALD 5 graduation, stay tuned for more information from our contact person. The deadline to sign up for graduation is January 18, 2021, and your payment is due no later than March 1, 2021.

V. Communications: Communications within HERALD 5 will come from the HERALD 5 email (heraldfive@gmail.com). Families may also access the HERALD 5 website (www.herald5.com) and the HERALD 5 Facebook page for information.

VI. HERALD 5 Leadership Requirements: No virtual charter school, charter school, public or private school family (as defined by using more than 49 percent of their curriculum from one of these sources for any of their students) may hold leadership positions within HERALD 5. HERALD 5 will maintain an open membership policy while **reserving the leadership positions** for those who agree with, adhere to, and sign the Statement of Faith as explained in section VII below.

VII. Statement of Faith:

We believe:

- The Bible to be the inspired, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
- That we serve one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- 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.
- 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.
- That salvation is a 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.
- That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict mankind, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
- In the spiritual unity of the believers through our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that individual doctrinal differences, which may exist outside those previously mentioned, should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.

Please sign the signature line provided on page 4, section D, if you are in agreement with this statement of faith.

HERALD 5 Membership Application for 2020-2021

Please print out and complete the following informational/signature pages ONLY to be turned in for membership.

A. Member Information (please print)

Last Name: _____ Head of Household: _____ Spouse: _____

Phone 1: (____) _____ (Circle one: Home or Cell)

Phone 2: (____) _____ (Circle one: Home or Cell)

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

How many years have you home schooled? _____

Name of church you attend (optional): _____

Please list information for **ALL** children in your home. Put an asterisk (*) by any child not being home schooled.

Name	Date of Birth	Age	Grade	Gender

B. Accountability/Supervisory Association:

NOTE: For all of the associations listed below, you MUST COMPLETE a separate application process. Completing this HERALD 5 application ONLY does NOT provide membership for ANY of these accountability/supervisory associations. In order to homeschool **legally** within the state of South Carolina, **you MUST be a member of an accountability/supervisory association** and not just the HERALD 5 support group.

Place a check next to your current accountability/supervisory association below.

AHA	<input type="checkbox"/>		REACH the TOP	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homeward	<input type="checkbox"/>		SAFE in HERALD 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
PACESC	<input type="checkbox"/>		SCAIHS	<input type="checkbox"/>
PHA	<input type="checkbox"/>		TSCHAA	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please list): _____

C. Membership Policy Agreement: Please sign here to indicate you intend to meet membership expectations as noted in Section III above.

Signature

Date

D. Statement of Faith Agreement: (Note: This signature is optional, however, **HERALD 5 leadership positions** are reserved for those who agree with, adhere to, and sign the Statement of Faith as explained in Section VII above.)

I, _____, do agree with the HERALD 5 Statement of Faith as
Print Name
noted in Section VII above.

Signature

Date

E. HERALD 5 Membership Options and Fees:

- \$15.00 HERALD 5 Membership
- \$15.00 Late Fee *

***This fee applies only to renewing members** if application is postmarked after Sept 1st.

New members do NOT pay a late fee.

Total enclosed \$ _____

Mail this completed application and your check to the following address:

HERALD 5, P.O. Box 1743, Irmo, SC 29063. Please postmark **no later than September 1st.**

(It is recommended that you copy this application for your personal records.)