

Home Educators of Richland and Lexington District 5

Membership Application Form (Revised 02/01/2021)

www.HERALD5.com

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

- I. **History: HERALD5** (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 HERALD5 is a support group for homeschoolers and not public school students, Virtual Charter School families cannot be admitted to HERALD5. Know that this decision was made only after extensive research by our HERALD5 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 HERALD5 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 HERALD5-sponsored activities as possible. A support group works best when each member participates!
 - Completion of 1 volunteer job within the HERALD5 group: **HERALD5 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 HERALD5-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 Seniors: If you have a student planning to participate in the spring graduation ceremony, sign up is in September/October. When names are received, the Graduation Coordinator will send a parent packet to you with pertinent information on diplomas, caps and gowns, senior photos, etc., and a helpful "checklist" so you don't miss deadlines. Reminder emails will be sent regularly in the spring, to keep parents/seniors up to date. The graduation ceremony is generally scheduled the third Saturday in May.

V. Communications: Communications within HERALD5 will come from the HERALD5 email (heraldfive@gmail.com). Families may also access the HERALD5 website (www.herald5.com) and the HERALD5 Facebook page for information.

VI. HERALD5 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 HERALD5. HERALD5 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.

HERALD5 Membership Application

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

Academic School Year: _____ - _____

A. Member Information (please print)

Last Name: _____ Mr: _____ Mrs./Ms.: _____

Phone (Mr): (____) _____ Check one: ____ Cell ____ Home

Phone (Mrs./Ms): (____) _____ Check one: ____ Cell ____ Home

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 school-aged children** in your home K5-12th. Indicate **Y** next to home-schooled children and **N** next to any children in public school/virtual/charter school.

Name	Home schooled?	Date of Birth	Age	Grade	Gender

B. Accountability/Supervisory Association:

NOTE: You MUST COMPLETE a separate application for your accountability/supervisory association. Completing this HERALD5 Support Group application does NOT provide membership for ANY 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 HERALD5 Support Group. Examples include but are not limited to SAFE in HERALD5 or SCAIHS. If you do not understand the difference between HERALD5 and an accountability group, please contact us at heraldfive@gmail.com **before completing this application.**

Your accountability/supervisory association: _____

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, **HERALD5 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 HERALD5 Statement of Faith as
Print Name
noted in Section VII above.

Signature

Date

E. HERALD5 Membership Options and Fees:

Please note, the \$15 late fee is **ONLY** applicable to returning H5 members who apply **AFTER** the September 1 deadline. "Returning H5 members" are defined as those who were members immediately prior to the year for which this application is being submitted.

Select one of the following choices:

- _____ I am a new member \$15
- _____ I am a returning member who is renewing **ON or BEFORE** the September 1 deadline. \$15
- _____ I am a returning member who is renewing **AFTER** the September 1 deadline. \$30

Total enclosed (if paying by mail) \$ _____

If this application is not completed on-line, then mail this completed application and your check, made out to HERALD5, to the following address:

**HERALD5
P.O. Box 1743,
Irmo, SC 29063**

Returning members, please make sure this application is postmarked **no later than September 1st.**

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