



SAFE In HERALD5

PO Box 1743, Irmo, SC 29063

Dear SAFE in H5 Parents,

Please print out this cover letter and the application, complete all blanks, and return to the SAFE address above by September 1st or e-mail completed application to: SAFEinH5@gmail.com.

Every year, SAFE members must submit 90-day cards by February 15 and 180-day cards by June 30 to the SAFE Administrator. The 90 and 180-day cards will be sent via e-mail approximately two weeks before their required return date, and you can also find them on our website. Please REMEMBER that submitting 90-day cards and 180 day-cards is your responsibility. If at any time SAFE must send you a letter regarding delinquent paperwork, you will have 10 days to submit the required item(s). If the item is not returned within the 10 days, your SAFE membership will be revoked.

NOTE: Even though you will be submitting End-of-Year Report Worksheets to the SAFE High School Coordinator for any students you may have in high school, a 180-day card is also required to be sent to the SAFE Administrator for these students. Mark these dates on your calendar now so you don't forget to send all required materials on time.

End-of-year reports for all high school SENIORS must be submitted by May 25th AND by May 31st for all other students taking high school courses. This includes all courses/credits and grades issued for all classes, as well Honors Worksheets for those claiming Honors credit. Worksheets can be found on the website and will also be emailed to you prior to the due date.

If you desire for your student to apply for the top state scholarship, the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, then it is imperative that you have a copy of your student's SAT and/or ACT scores sent to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (use code 4313 for the SAT and code 6326 for the ACT). This request must be made when you or your student register online to take the SAT and/or ACT.

Please contact the SAFE Administrator via email if you have any questions (SAFEinH5@gmail.com). The SAFE team is looking forward to a successful school year!

I commit to follow the requirements outlined in the above letter.

Signature of parent overseeing the schooling

Date

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SAFE MEMBERS

Membership Letter:

Your membership welcome letter may be printed and added to your portfolio. It can serve as verification to businesses for discounts and free entrance to the SC State Museum. Your HSLDA card also serves as verification to companies, museums, etc., of your status as a homeschool teaching family in order to receive discounts and/or free entrance.

HSLDA:

Membership in the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) is not required for membership in SAFE at this time. However, SAFE highly recommends joining HSLDA as it is committed to advancing and protecting homeschool freedom. Membership in HSLDA gives you added legal protection as you homeschool. You can go to their website at: <http://www.hslda.org> to apply for membership. SAFE members can use our code (#299586) and receive a discount.

Needs Based Scholarship:

SAFE offers a “Needs Based” scholarship for members with Special Needs children or to single parents. If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please contact the SAFE Administrator directly at the e-mail address provided below.

Special Needs High School:

If your high school student is not going to follow the typical high school coursework to gain credits, the high school fee is not required. Please place an asterisk next to his/her name on the SAFE application portion below.

Kindergarten:

Parents whose children are under the age of six years prior to September 1st may elect to waive attendance in kindergarten. The parents must sign a waiver with their school district.

SAFE College Gift Application:

SAFE offers monetary gifts to students pursuing college careers. Please see the information below for details. You may contact SAFE for further information.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Following High School Graduation:

1. You must attend an approved college either in the upcoming Fall or Spring Semester.
2. You must be a Full Time Student and enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours.
3. Deadline to Apply: Application to be postmarked by July 15th
4. Distribution of Award: August 1st for Fall Term
December 15th for Spring Term

SAFE in HERALD5 History: HERALD5 (also referred to as “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 was not required for membership. H5 was a volunteer organization, composed of members who educated, had educated, or intended to educate one or more of their children at home. SAFE was started as an Option 3 homeschool accountability group for HERALD5 members in 1999, hence the name “SAFE in HERALD5.” Though HERALD5 is dissolving, we will keep this name as a tribute to those who went before us.

HERALD5 Graduation - Parents of High School Juniors and Seniors: SAFE in HERALD5 would like to continue the special HERALD5 tradition of having a graduation ceremony which will now be called “**SAFE in HERALD5 Graduation.**” Ideally the parents of juniors will take the lead and do most of the planning for the senior families as senior year is a busy time! We suggest that parents of juniors and seniors wanting to participate in a graduation ceremony “elect” a Graduation Coordinator and begin planning prior to December.

In the past, the Graduation Coordinator would send out an email (usually in November) requesting sign up from those seniors wanting to participate in the spring graduation. They would organize a graduation committee of parents with juniors and seniors to help with planning. The Graduation Coordinator would email a “packet” to parents with pertinent information regarding diplomas, caps, gowns, etc. This packet also included a helpful “checklist” so parents wouldn’t miss important deadlines. Reminder emails were sent regularly throughout the spring to keep parents/seniors up to date. The graduation ceremony was generally scheduled for late May.

SAFE in HERALD5 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Salvation is a 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.
- The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict mankind and to 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 individual doctrinal differences, which may exist outside those previously mentioned, should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.

SAFE in H5 will maintain an open membership policy while reserving the leadership positions for those who adhere to and sign the Statement of Faith in its entirety as outlined above. We believe dedication to honoring Jesus has allowed our group to thrive over the years.



SAFE in HERALD5
(Supervisory Association for Educators in HERALD 5)
Membership Application

20____ - 20____

Please fill out completely!

New____ / Renewal____

Last Name of Parent/Guardian

First Name

Spouse's Last Name

Spouse's First Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Primary Phone Number

Secondary Phone Number

Email Address(es)

Parent/Guardian: Do you have at least a high school diploma or GED? yes or no

New to homeschooling: Yes____ No____ Years homeschooling: _____

Are you removing your child from a public school? Yes____ No____ Name of School: _____

Are you a member of HSLDA? HSLDA Number _____ Expiration Date _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT: (District in which your child would attend school.)

____ Lexington/Richland 5 ____ Lexington 2 ____ Lexington 4 ____ Richland 1 ____ Fairfield

____ Lexington 1 ____ Lexington 3 ____ Newberry ____ Richland 2 ____ Other _____

Estimated Beginning Date for Attendance Records: _____

MEMBER INFORMATION: Please list members from lowest to highest grade level. Choose **one** grade per child. If your child is between grades, choose the grade he/she would attend in public school.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DOB
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____

Office Use: HSLDA____ Fee Pd.____ Withdrawal____ Hish copy sent____ Welcome ltr____ XL ____

Divorced/Separated SAFE Spouses:

HSLDA has advised SAFE to obtain the written approval from the spouse who is not overseeing the schooling to verify his/her understanding that the children are being homeschooled. This document will be required before membership in SAFE is accepted.

SAFE in H5 Statement of Commitment

As a member of SAFE in H5, I commit to do the following:

- 1) Have a high school diploma, a GED, or a college diploma.
- 2) Have an instructional year of at least 180 days.
- 3) Plan a curriculum including, but not limited to, the basic instructional areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies; and in grades 7 through 12, composition and literature. (NOTE: This is a legal requirement to homeschool in SC and not merely a SAFE requirement.)
- 4) Maintain educational records including:
 - a) A plan book, diary, or other written record indicating subjects taught and activities in which the student and parent/teacher engage.
 - b) A portfolio of samples of the student's academic work.
 - c) Semester progress reports including attendance records and grades/evaluations for each of the subject areas outlined in Point 3 above.
- 5) Maintain active membership with SAFE in H5 by:
 - a) Completing enrollment requirements by Sept. 1. (See below.)
 - b) Submitting the 90 and 180-day cards by assigned deadlines. You do not need to submit progress reports.
 - c) Submitting end-of-year high school paperwork by May 25 for seniors and May 31 for other high school students. **If not submitted by these dates, there will be a \$25 late fee.**
- 6) Renew HSLDA membership before expiration of current membership and submit a copy of the new HSLDA card within 10 days of the previous card's expiration date.
- 7) Submit all requested forms/paperwork required by SAFE **within 10 days of notification.**
- 8) Make records available upon request should the need arise.

I understand that failure to fulfill any one of these commitments will result in termination of my membership with SAFE in HERALD 5.

Principle Instructor

Date

OPTIONAL: Sign and date here if you agree with the Statement of Faith on page 3.

TO ENROLL, SEND THE FOLLOWING TO SAFE:

___ A copy of the SAFE Membership Application, which includes signatures at the end of the Cover Letter and the Statement of Commitment indicating your understanding of and commitment to following the principles/requirements stated therein.

___ A completed Course of Study for EACH Elementary and/or Middle School student (make additional copies as necessary)

___ A completed High School Planned Course of Study for EACH student desiring high school credit (make additional copies as necessary)

___ The membership fees as outlined below.

\$25 for first student taking elementary and middle school courses, \$ _____ **
\$15 each additional student, **(not to exceed \$55)

\$50 for students taking high school courses* \$ _____

\$20 late fee – if application is submitted after 9/1 \$ _____
(**Note:** No late fee for new families joining)

Total Fees Paid with check or cash (not to exceed \$155) \$ _____

Total Fees Paid with Zelle or PayPal (add \$3 service fee) \$ _____

Payment Option #1: Check mailed to the address below or check/cash brought to the SAFE meeting.

Payment Option #2: Zelle or PayPal. Please look for us using our email: safeinh5@gmail.com and **label your payment by your first and last name.**

Mail to: SAFE in H5, PO Box 1743, Irmo, SC 29063

Registration deadline is September 1

Email: SAFEinH5@gmail.com

*This fee will include maintaining a transcript, class ranking, DMV letter, Good Standing letters, telephone/email support, and one unofficial transcript each year. **If these particular high school services are not desired for one of your students during his/her entire high school career, you may pay the elementary/middle school fee and please place an asterisk next to his/her name on pg.4.**

Office Use: Fee Rec'd: \$ _____ Check Number _____ E-payment _____ CASH _____ Late fee _____