



GUAM HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Full Name of Parent(s): _____

Child's Name and Year of Birth: _____

Contact Number/Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Village of Residence: _____

(If Military), Approx. PCS Date: _____

Curriculum: _____

Reason for Home Schooling: _____

Referred by: _____

Home Business or Skill to Share: _____

Church (if applicable): _____

DISCLAIMER AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Guam Home School Association (GHSA) is a homeschooling support group and not a legal entity. Information shared at meetings, functions and activities does not replace any legal advice. Legal advice on homeschooling can be obtained through membership in the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA). GHSA members are afforded a discount with HSLDA.

Volunteer leaders and members provide guidance and support, and share experiences in an effort to help others to effectively home school, in accordance with Guam law, 17 GCA Section 6109, and within membership guidelines, to include our Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct on the following pages. Website links and information on Guam law and DOE policies are shared on our website and meetings.

Curriculum choices, teaching styles, methods and philosophies, organization, recordkeeping and other topics essential to homeschooling are shared at our various functions. Each person is responsible for choosing and implementing curriculum, teaching styles, methods and philosophies, recordkeeping, testing, and for the health, education, safety and welfare of their children.

Those who join GHSA support group meetings, field trips, group events and seasonal activities are responsible for their family members. Parents are expected to supervise their children at all times, unless otherwise arranged. GHSA uses different venues for support group meetings and functions. Members and visitors are liable for and should take responsibility for any property damage caused by them or their children.

Photographs and videos are regularly taken at GHSA meetings, events and activities, and are shared with members on the GHSA website, Yahoo Groups forum and other common forms of media. This is done for the purpose of sharing and encouraging one another, and documenting and reporting GHSA activities. It is understood that all photographs will be taken in good faith and will exhibit good, moral standards.

By signing this Disclaimer and Waiver of Liability, individuals agree:

- 1) To hold GHSA leaders, members, helpers or facility owners, free and clear from any liability for injury to themselves or their children, or damage to any property owned, to include lost or stolen items.**
- 2) To hold GHSA leaders, members, helpers or facility owners free and clear from any liability relating to any of the above-mentioned paragraphs.**
- 3) That signature of this document constitutes acceptance and adherence to this Disclaimer and Waiver of Liability, and the attached Membership Guidelines, Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct. GHSA Membership is defined on the attached Membership Guidelines.**

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Membership Benefits

- Periodic homeschooling support fellowships
- Opportunity for academic enhancement and educational excellence through group activities and events
- Group discount to Home School Legal Defense Association
- Curriculum reviews and opportunity to buy and sell used curriculum
- Stay informed through our Yahoo Group, Facebook groups, and Website
- Opportunity to promote home businesses conducive to education and the home

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

Membership in the Guam Home School Association consists of the following:

1. **Application.** Completion of the Membership Application which includes the Statement of Faith and Code of Conduct below.

Membership in the Association requires that members read, but not necessarily agree with, the GHSA Statement of Faith. This policy allows the Association to be inclusive; allowing any family, regardless of belief or background, to be part of the Association. It also ensures that all members are aware of the Biblical basis on which the Association makes its decisions and plans its activities. Although the Association does not require everyone to maintain the same beliefs, doctrines or philosophy, it does require that members *agree to and abide by* the same code of conduct. This code of conduct applies only during those times and places that GHSA members (to include parents, designated guardians and children) are participating in or supporting GHSA sponsored activities, or when communicating through the Yahoo Groups message board.

2. **Yahoo and Facebook groups.** Membership in the GHSA Yahoo Groups Forum (guamhsa) and Facebook groups (Guam Home School Association & GHSA College Prep Discussions).

3. **Involvement.** Members should become involved by participating in a minimum of one general meeting and one activity per year. It is essential for each family to contribute volunteer time in order for GHSA to function in a healthy manner. Some activities require work outside the home, while others may be done from your home. Members are encouraged to work together in small groups or co-ops to coordinate events. Members and small groups may volunteer to help in the following areas:

- Coordinate or assist for special events or classes (see calendar)
- Help new members by email or phone, answering questions regarding homeschooling in general or homeschooling on Guam
- Coordinate a field trip
- Scholastic book ordering for the group members
- Keep resource directory of music, home businesses of members, PE, and other extracurricular activities that members can refer to
- Keep the web calendar of GHSA events up-to-date
- Write curriculum reviews which help other members as they plan their curriculum course
- Helping to update our website

- Coordinate association T-shirts
 - Offer a special class on an area of your expertise. Some members have skills that can be shared, such as teaching science, physical education, exercise, nutrition, frugal living, etc. If you have a specific skill that you would like to share, please discuss this with one of the leaders.
 - Cleaning of bathrooms at our Space at Faith (Faith Church, Mangilao)
 - Help with copying or organizing paperwork
 - Organizing a fundraiser
4. **Dues.** In order to help with ongoing costs of our association we are asking families to give dues of \$50/year which will help with costs such as our website, PO box, facility rental fees for major events and activities, academic program registration fees etc..

GHSA would be blessed with your annual dues through any of the following methods:

1. PayPal transfer from your account to:

guamhsa@gmail.com

2. Mail a check payable to "Guam Home School Association" and give to a leader, or mail to:

Guam Home School Association

P.O. Box 7313

Tamuning, GU 96931

(Please write "GHSA annual dues" on the memo line of your check.)

3. Give cash to a GHSA leader at an event or meeting and they'll receipt you for it.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

God's Word – The Bible. The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and constitutes complete and final revelation. The Bible, in its original text, is without error in whole and in part (II Timothy 3:16, 2 Peter 1:19-21, Hebrews 4:12).

The Triune God. God has existed from all eternity in three persons: God the Father, God the Son (Colossians 2:9, John 10:30, Phil. 2:5-10), and God the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:2, Joel 2:28-29, John 14:16-17, John 14:26, John 15:26, John 16:7-14). Any prayer and/or acts of worship must therefore be directed only to this Triune God. Prayer or worship of any other gods, beings, or persons is contradictory to biblical teaching. (1 Timothy 2:5-6, Exodus 20:3-6, Deuteronomy 18:10-11, Ecclesiastes 9:5,6,10, Isaiah 8:19, Isa. 26:12-14, Job 7:9,10). Jesus Christ is God come in human flesh, being fully God and fully man except without sin. (John 1:10-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21).

All men are sinners. All men are in violation of God's righteous requirements and His holy character both by nature and by act, and therefore are under his wrath and just condemnation. The central purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ was to pay the penalty for mans sin through substitutionary death on the cross – the successful accomplishment which was attested to by His subsequent visible, bodily resurrection. (Romans 3:10-26, I Corinthians 15:12-22, II Corinthians 5:14-21).

Salvation through Jesus Christ. Salvation is offered as a gift, free to the sinner. This gift must be responded to in individual faith, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, but in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ alone.(Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:1-10, II Corinthians 5:14-21).

Ability and Authority to Teach Children. We hold as belief and conviction that children are given by God as a stewardship to the parent and not the state and that parents have the ability and authority to teach and educate their own children. (Proverbs 22:6, Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Ephesians 6:4, Malachi 2:15, Psalm 127:3-5).

Marriage. We believe and teach our children that marriage is an institution between husband and wife (one man and one woman) established by God. (Gen. 2:18-24, Eph. 5:21-31)

CODE OF CONDUCT

Member families will act in such a way that their words and actions promote the unity and encouragement of fellow GHSA families.

Member families will avoid acting in such a way that is considered disrespectful, offensive, immoral, intimidating or rude.

Member families will avoid gossiping to or about other GHSA families.

Member families will be responsible for their own children's behavior to ensure they are acting in accordance with this code of conduct.

Any members or leaders of the Association that persist in violating this code of conduct are considered to be conducting themselves in a way that is contrary to the specific and primary purposes of the Association, and may be asked to make a change or forfeit their membership.

This Code of Conduct applies only during those times and places that GHSA members (to include parents, designated guardians and children) are participating in or supporting GHSA sponsored activities, or when communicating through the Yahoo Groups message board.

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