



And above all these things
put on charity, which is the
bond of perfection.

Charity LEAH Membership Application

Please fill out **ALL** information. Sign and return the form to the address listed on the back.
Any form that is incomplete will NOT be processed!

Last Name Father's First Name Mother's First Name

Street Address City State Zip Zip + 4 Code

Phone Email Address

School District County

This application is: new OR renewal for the school year of 201__ to 201__.

Please list the name, age, and grade level of each participating child.

Name	Age	Grade Level
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Are you members of HSLDA? Yes No

Do you belong to any other LEAH group? Yes No

If yes, which one? _____

If yes, will Charity LEAH be your primary or secondary group? Primary Secondary

(note secondary members deduct \$15.00 from membership fee)

Total Fee Enclosed _____

I have read and understand Charity LEAH's Purpose and Statement of Faith and I understand the Christian identity of Charity LEAH. I agree that I and my family will abide by the Christian principles that are practiced by Charity LEAH during all group events and activities.

Father's Signature Date

Mother's Signature Date

Please see reverse side for more information and mailing address.

In an attempt to keep membership costs down, we utilize the internet for our general communications. We have three methods by which you can remain informed. The first is via your email address, which will automatically be added to our mailing list. All official Charity LEAH info will be sent via email and posted to the other two sites. FYI information will only be posted using the two other methods, which are optional. Please check yes if you would like to be part of these sites.

- #1) Email address automatically added to mailing list.
#2) Would you like to be part of our Facebook group? []Yes []No
#3) Would you like to be part of the Yahoo group? []Yes []No

Of course, you may also view our website for information for Charity LEAH information as well. However, the most up-to-date method of communication is any one of the three listed above because the website is updated only when time permits.

Make all checks payable to:
Charity LEAH

Mail application, liability form, and payments to:
Charity LEAH
c/o Matt & Ellen Gerwitz
58 Banker Pl.
Rochester, NY 14616

Charity LEAH
Liability Waiver for Group Activities

This form must be signed and returned with your application.

I do hereby certify that I and my family are covered by our own medical insurance policy. I understand and agree that neither Charity LEAH, nor the facilities in which group activities are held, shall be liable for personal injuries incurred by me or my children while participating in a Charity LEAH event or activity. I also agree not to hold any staff, instructors, coaches, field trip coordinators, or any other person(s) liable for any personal injuries incurred by me or my children while participating in Charity LEAH events and activities.

Medical Insurance Carrier Policy Number

Print Father's Name Print Mother's Name

Father's Signature Date Mother's Signature Date

For Office Use Only - Don't fill out!

School Year: Date Received:

Type of Membership: Pr. Full Year / Pr. Half Year / Sec. Full Year / Sec. Half Year

Paid: Check Cash M.O. Amount: Ck #

Email Added: Membership Card Sent: By-laws Sent:

Charity LEAH is a local homeschool support group located in Rochester, NY. We are a Christian, but non-denominational group, and we welcome homeschoolers of all faiths to join us. It is our desire to support, encourage, and help guide any homeschoolers that seek us out, while at the same time being living examples of the love of Jesus Christ.

Charity LEAH offers group lessons, field trips, & other special activities, along with the support of other local homeschoolers.

Charity LEAH – Purpose and Statement Of Faith

Purpose

- Scripture states in Rev. 4:11 that the entire purpose of God’s creation is to bring Him pleasure. Therefore the first and most important purpose of Charity LEAH is to please Him.
- With that in mind, Charity LEAH is a Christian based homeschool support group which seeks to encourage, support, inform, and provide fellowship to area homeschooling families. Because Jesus Christ is the only living example of how to perfectly please the Father, it is the intention of Charity LEAH to fulfill its purpose in a manner consistent with the life and ministry of Jesus.
- Our secondary purpose is to be a testimony of Christ and an example of Christian homeschooling to the communities in which we live and work.
- Using Col. 3:12-17 and Eph. 5:2 as a guide, Charity LEAH will strive to practice grace, compassion, and Christian love towards its member families and the community.

Statement of Faith

We believe:

1. The Bible to be the inspired, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
2. That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His substituting and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory.
4. 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.
5. That salvation is the free gift of God brought to the sinner by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose substituting death on the cross paid the penalty for man’s sin.
6. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict mankind; indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
7. In the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that individual doctrinal differences that may exist, outside of the aforementioned, should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.
8. That the only true basis of Christian fellowship is His agape love, which is greater than any differences we possess, and without which we have no right to claim ourselves Christians.
9. That God created man and woman after His own image, and that God has ordained marriage, consisting of one man and one woman, to be the foundation of the family and to be the only legitimate and Godly expression of sexuality."

Memberships and Fees

Charity Leah offers both full-year and half-year memberships.

If you join between July 1st and December 31st, you are a full-year member.

If you join between January 1st and June 30th, you are a half-year member.

Membership in the state organization is required and the dues are the same no matter when you join. However, you only pay these dues to one LEAH group. If you join a second LEAH group, you do not pay state dues twice.

<u>Full-year membership</u>		<u>Half-year membership</u>	
Charity dues	13.00	Charity dues	7.00
NYS LEAH dues	15.00	NYS LEAH dues	15.00
Total	28.00	Total	22.00

Membership Benefits

- A. Access to all Charity LEAH events and programs (some may require a fee).
- B. Receipt of regular communications
- C. Access to the Charity LEAH website, Facebook page, and Yahoo group.
- D. Discount for HSLDA membership
- E. Access to or receipt of a membership directory
- F. Automatic membership in NYS LEAH
- G. Support and information from other homeschooling families

For more information contact Matt & Ellen Gerwitz at 621-6445