

Southwest Louisiana Christian Home Educators Fellowship Inc.

I/We, the undersigned do hereby affirm that I/we agree with the Statement of Faith and the Statement on Family and Education this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

I/We, also understand that my/our participation of any member of my family in any SWLA CHEF Inc. program is completely voluntary, and I/we hereby give permission for myself, and my family to join in those functions or programs. My family shall hold harmless, SWLA CHEF Inc. and any volunteers, or representatives, and/or, the providers of any meeting/activity, location and or materials, from any liability, and/or responsibility, for any accident, illness, or injury that occurs during, or as a result of any function or program. I accept that the final responsibility for my safety and that of my family's rests with me.

Signature of Father

Signature of Mother

Name of Father (**PRINT**)

Name of Mother (**PRINT**)

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

PHONE: () _____

CELL: () _____

Email (PLEASE PRINT NEATLY) _____

Name of your school _____

What church do you attend? _____

Years Homeschooling _____

Have you ever been a member of SWLA CHEF? _____

I would like the information in this application to be in a directory of SWLA CHEF, Inc. used by members only. Information about SWLA CHEF, Inc. will not be shared without the express consent of the individual member.

_____ **YES** _____ **NO**

Do you own a business? **YES** **NO**

Name of business _____

Would you like the name of your business included in SWLA CHEF, Inc. directory?

YES **NO**

Mail this form and membership dues (payable to SWLA CHEF, Inc.) to:

**SWLA CHEF, Inc.
c/o Cherie Garza
4845 Lake St. #303
Lake Charles, LA 70605**

SWLA CHEF, Inc. Yearly Membership

(Sept. 1 to Aug. 31)

\$25.00

(You must have a valid e-mail listed above. Your monthly newsletter and other information will be emailed to you.)

CHILD'S NAME

M/F

AGE

BIRTHDAY

GRADE

PLEASE INCLUDE ADDITIONAL CHILDREN ON THE BACK.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Received payment on _____ Paid by: Check# _____; cash; m.o Mailed/delivered membership card on _____ Mailed/delivered directory _____

SWLA CHEF, Inc. *Statement of Faith*

Doctrine

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 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.
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 substitutionary 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 those individual doctrinal differences which may exist, outside of the aforementioned (1-6), should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.

Statement on Family and Education

Family

We believe that the family is the basic governmental, social, and spiritual unit created by God. In it, the child learns self-government, social relationships, and develops a relationship to the Creator and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, according to John 3:5 and 16, Ephesians 6:1 and Colossians 3:20. The family also provides protection from over extensive government and over stimulating social involvements.

We understand "family" to mean a male and a female parent, legally married with one or more children (Genesis 1:26-28), although we recognize the exceptions of a single parent, adopted foster, and step children (James 1:27).

We reject homosexual marriages or homosexual orientation because it is contrary to Scripture and the intentions of God in creation (Romans 1:18-32), and we believe that such relationships are destructive to children and the very idea of family. Further, we reject transitory, cohabitational relationships as being equally incapable of providing the long term nurture and instruction needed by children and commanded by God (Proverbs 1:8-9, 2:1-11; Colossians 3:21; and Ephesians 6:4). In view of this, no homosexual or merely cohabiting "parents" are eligible for membership.

Education

We believe that the ultimate responsibility for the education of children belongs to parents (Deuteronomy 4:9, 6:1-25, 4:1-4). Thus, we believe this is an inalienable right given by God which the State cannot create, destroy, or alter. Parents may allow another to teach some of the cognitive information that children need to know, but all education must be under the ultimate control and supervision of the parents. We believe education in the home to be the best form of education, but we recognize that many parents cannot educate at home for valid reasons and support the right of parents to send their children to private Christian school. We further recognize that because of economic or other reasons, a parent may have no other alternative but to place a child in a public school. Although this is acceptable, we do not, however, support or condone public schools because of their ostensible, humanistic basis for teaching all subjects. We believe that the religions of secular Humanism and Christianity are mutually exclusive.

We believe that all education is religious in nature since one's view of the world and life is inevitably involved in teaching (Proverbs 2:108, 3:1-2, 6:20-23; Matthew 28:18-20). Every discipline of knowledge, whether it is a subject such as math, science, or history will have as its final reference point a theistic or, in the alternative, a humanistic view of reality (Colossians 1:15-20, 2:8-15), and that there is no neutral academic discipline.