

Saratoga LEAH Membership Application

September 1, 2011 - August 31, 2012

Parents' Name(s) _____

Street Address _____ City _____

Zip + 4 _____ - _____ County _____ Home Phone _____

Cell phone(s) _____

School District _____ This is our _____ (#) year homeschooling

Please include all of your children below, indicating if they are presently homeschooled or not.

Child's name _____ age ____ grade ____ homeschooled? Y or N

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Curricula used (may list several) _____

Email address(es) _____

Please note: the Chapter relies on email for timely announcements of activities and other info, so if you do not use email, you'll want to "team up" with another member who does.

Membership status (please check one):

Renewing last year's membership to Saratoga LEAH. Dues \$30 before Sept. 1, please.

New Member. Dues \$30.

Dual Membership, NYS LEAH dues paid in (list other chapter) _____ Dues \$15.

Former member, but not currently in any LEAH chapter. Dues \$30.

Transferring membership from _____ LEAH Chapter. Call for dues information.

Are you a member of Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)? Y or N Would you like information on becoming a member of HSLDA? (highly recommended) Y or N

Experienced Homeschoolers only: Would you be willing to serve as a contact person in your school district to assist new homeschoolers? Y or N

Completed form and dues (checks payable to Saratoga LEAH) should be mailed to the Chapter leaders:

Rich and Andrea Veldman 21 Phillips Rd Stillwater, NY 12170

Please read the information below:

New York State LEAH policy is that membership in the state organization requires membership in a local chapter. This is out of concern for the families, so they have a local means of support. It is also policy that being a member of a local chapter requires NYS LEAH membership. NYS LEAH works diligently to protect the rights of homeschoolers in this state as well as providing wonderful central support for families. Saratoga LEAH fully supports NYS LEAH and these policies. To join Saratoga LEAH, you must also join NYS LEAH. Families with dual memberships (for instance, membership in both Saratoga and Schenectady LEAH) need only pay NYS LEAH dues to one chapter.

What do your dues pay for? \$15 pays your annual dues to the statewide organization NYS LEAH, who provides you with a quarterly newsletter, legislative updates and emergency legislative action alerts. They also provide support and training to local leadership. Membership also entitles you to discounts on admission to the NYS LEAH convention and on various publications available from the state office. The Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) offers a \$15 discount on their annual membership fee to NYS LEAH members.

The remainder of your dues supports the local chapter. The main expenses of the chapter are printing costs, postage, supplies, and childcare. A summary of the chapter finances will be made available to interested members upon request.

SARATOGA LEAH / NYS LEAH 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, & 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 & 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 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 the godly living and service.*
- 7. 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.*
- 8. In the spiritual unity of Believers through our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that individual doctrinal differences which may exist, outside of the aforementioned (statements 1-7), should not hinder the unity of Christian Home Educators.*