

Temporary Membership Application for Graduation Ceremony Participation

This Temporary Membership Application is only to be used by families joining MDHSA on or after January 1 for the express purpose of participating in the MDHSA Graduation Ceremony in June. This Membership is limited to eligibility to participate in the MDHSA Graduation Ceremony; it does not include access to any other MDHSA programs or access to the secured section of the website.

1. Before completing the application...

Be aware that MDHSA was founded in 1986 as a Christian organization and has a Statement of Purpose and Faith. You do not need to subscribe to our religious beliefs in order to participate in our ceremony, but you should know that our ceremony will reflect those beliefs. Being Christians determines how we live and act. It is our purpose to be kind to everyone and to ensure that material presented is not offensive. For that reason, all presentations are previewed and may not be accepted at the discretion of our Executive Committee.

2. Read our organizational statements on the following page to determine your membership type.

There are two types of membership set forth in our Bylaws: full membership and associate membership. BOTH TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP ALLOW YOUR STUDENT FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. In order to select your membership type, you must read the following organizational statements. If you fully agree with the beliefs contained in our organizational statements, choose a full membership. If you do not agree, choose an associate membership. Your choice is kept confidential.

Parent(s) Name(s): _____		
First Name(s)	Last Name	
Graduate's Name: _____		
First Name	Last Name	
Email: _____ Phone: _____ Text: ___ Y ___ N		
Street Address: _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip Code: _____
Membership Type (check one):		
<input type="checkbox"/> FULL: I have read and agree with all the points outlined in MDHSA's Organizational Statements.		
<input type="checkbox"/> ASSOCIATE: I have read and do not agree with the points outlined in the excerpts of MDHSA's Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.		
Signature: _____		Date: _____

Temporary Membership Application Fee: \$25 **Check #** _____ **Dated:** _____

Mail completed application and check/money order to:

MDHSA, 39 Chambers Lane, Greencastle, PA 17225

Upon receipt of your application, MDHSA will email you a link to a printable Graduation Ceremony Registration form. You will need to mail the completed registration form and applicable fee to MDHSA in order to complete your student's registration in the MDHSA Graduation Ceremony.

Reminder: Registration deadline is March 31 or when a cap of 50 students has been reached.

MDHSA Organizational Statements

(Excerpt from the *Articles of Incorporation of Mason-Dixon Homeschoolers*)

Statement of Purpose

- Encourage families who are homeschooling;
- Develop a hunger for academic excellence in children;
- Promote prayer for continued freedom in homeschooling;
- Educate the public about legislation of interest to homeschoolers and about local activities for homeschoolers;
- Provide positive group activities for homeschooled children;
- and Engage in any and all lawful activities incidental to the foregoing purposes except as restricted herein [the Articles of Incorporation].

(Excerpt from the *Bylaws of Mason Dixon Homeschoolers Association*)

Doctrinal Statements - Article I

The doctrinal statement of the Corporation is:

A) The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and constitutes completed and final revelation. The Bible, in its original autograph, is without error in whole and in part, including theological concepts as well as geographical and historical details.

B) God has existed from all eternity in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is God come in human flesh, being fully God and fully man except without sin.

C) All men are in violation of God's righteous requirements and His holy character both by nature and act; and are therefore under His wrath and just condemnation. The central purpose of this coming of Jesus Christ was to pay the penalty for man's sin through His substitutionary death on the cross—the successful accomplishment of this was attested to by His subsequent visible, bodily resurrection.

D) 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.

E) Knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Bible is essential to proper spiritual, mental, social, and physical growth.

F) The Holy Spirit indwells each Christian and is significant in his education by bringing conviction of sin, revealing Christ's glory, and guiding each believer into all truth.

G) Moral standards and a value system consistent with the Bible best prepare a student for fulfilling his responsibilities as a citizen of our nation.

H) Man's purpose in life is to render glory to God in all things, for he was created to have dominion over the creation, to care for it, to replenish it, and to subdue it.

Membership Statements - Article II excerpt

The Corporation shall have two categories of membership: regular [full] members and associate members:

1) Regular [full] members. Regular members are those families who fully subscribe to the Corporation's purposes and doctrinal statement and have paid the annual dues. Each family that is a regular member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters on which members vote, and a representative may serve as an officer or director.

2) Associate members. Associate members are those families who are interested in homeschooling, but who do not fully subscribe to the Corporation's purposes or doctrinal statement. Associate member families may not vote, and representatives may not serve as an officer or director.

