

# Membership Benefits

If you live in the Memphis area and join MHEA, you automatically also become a member of THEA. Membership is open to all homeschoolers, regardless of personal belief. Hundreds of local homeschooling families join MHEA each year. Membership cards are mailed out to you and your spouse once you join MHEA or renew your membership.

Hang onto those membership cards; they are very valuable! Most MHEA events held during the year are only for card-carrying MHEA members. Some of these events include the Science Fair, Geography Bee, Art Exhibit, and Spelling Bee. There is a large discount to the Annual Conference & Curriculum Fair for members.

**Why should you pay \$33.00 per family to join MHEA?**

**What will MHEA membership do for you?**

**Where exactly do our MHEA funds go?**

**How are they used?**

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There is a better reason than discounts to join MHEA/THEA. This minimal amount enables THEA and MHEA to provide the following:

- A monthly newsletter – *News & Views* the main form of information for all members of MHEA.
- Email newsletter additions and alerts.
- Producing and disseminating pertinent printed information to homeschooling families.
- Personal and computerized telephone access to current information on homeschooling. Information on the state level from THEA via voice mail 858-623-7899, FAX 615-834-3529, and website [www.TNHEA.org](http://www.TNHEA.org). Local support from MHEA through our office phone 901-362-2620, email [MHEA@MemphisHomeschool.org](mailto:MHEA@MemphisHomeschool.org) and website [www.MemphisHomeschool.org](http://www.MemphisHomeschool.org).
- On-going effort to improve legal aspects of homeschooling by monitoring legislation, hosting periodic exhibitions/receptions for legislators, following the court battles involving homeschoolers,

and necessary cooperation with likeminded pro-family organizations.

- Liaison between homeschoolers and many public officials, private schools, umbrella programs, curriculum suppliers, researchers, curious folks, etc.
- Representation at local, state-wide, and even national homeschool meetings, such as the annual "National Christian Home Educators Leadership Conference", hosted by HSLDA.
- Hosting of an area graduation ceremony and banquet for homeschool graduates.
- Coordination of state-wide network of homeschool support system through seven local chapters.
- Local network in the Memphis area of about 20 participating support groups, providing regular encouragement and practical help to teaching parents and educational/social interaction for students (field trips, holiday parties, etc.)
- Special services on the local level of an annual Conference/Curriculum Fair, Used Book Sale, additional workshops, monthly newsletter, website, yearbook, resources for support group libraries (tapes, etc.), leadership training, and much more.
- A local office with part time staff to provide assistance.
- Whatever else that comes along that needs attention!

**For up-to-date benefits and discounts available to MHEA members, check our *News & Views* newsletter or visit our web site at:**

[www.MemphisHomeschool.org](http://www.MemphisHomeschool.org)