

**MID-MISSOURI CO-OP OF HOME EDUCATORS (Mid-MO CHE)
2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Please **return the first 2 pages** of this application, along with the **annual membership dues** (**Make checks payable to MMCHE**), in person or by USPS mail to :
MMCHE
PO BOX 331
Columbia, MO 65205

Check number/CASH: _____
Date Received: _____
Signatures on Code of Conduct: _____
Date Added to online forum: _____
Scholarship Donation: _____
Please initial below if no change.
Renewing and contact info hasn't changed _____

New families: How did you hear about CHE? _____

Mid-MO Co-op of Home Educators (MMCHE) is a Christian-oriented, homeschool non-profit corporation registered with the State of Missouri. We welcome families of all beliefs and education styles. Many events begin in Christian prayer and are held at Christian churches. Members are required to fulfill member responsibilities and to comply with a minimum code of conduct reflecting Christian values such as respect and modesty. As a co-op all events are planned, prepared, staffed, and cleaned by members.

Name _____
(Last) (Husband) (Wife)

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone(s): (primary) _____ (secondary) _____

Email addresses **with name** to receive an invitation to join the Mid-Mo CHE online forum:

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Please list all Children who will participate in any MMCHE activities. Please include preschool age children and those family members who attend a school but will attend family events such as fall festival, winter carnival, and spring picnic. Additional children may be listed on a separate sheet of paper or on the back of this page.

Name and birth year (NOT age)	Name and birth year (NOT age)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

If you have a student wishing to take part in the Mid-MO CHE High School Graduation Ceremony, the deadline to join is September 30. Anyone applying after September will be subject to approval by the Graduation committee. For parents of graduating high school students, this serves as your committee requirement!

Student Name(s): _____

Please indicate your preferences in order of priority (1, 2, etc.). Mark a 'C' (i.e. 1C) if you are willing to chair the committee. All committees must have a chair for organization purposes. While every effort is given to respect preferences, committee assignment is based on need. Committee descriptions are on page 4 of this packet.

_____ Fall Festival	_____ Spelling Bee/Fun Bee	_____ Winter Carnival
_____ Science Fair	_____ Talent Showcase	_____ Geography Bee
_____ Ladies' Tea	_____ Newsletter	_____ Bright Beginners
_____ Young Explorers	_____ Pre-teens	_____ Teens

**** Note: The dues schedule has had changes. Normal dues are \$35. The board has voted to offer an "early bird" discount of \$5 to families whose renewals are RECEIVED by the Ice Cream Social event. The board has offered a \$10 referral reward for each paid new member family (up to 3) who list your family as referring them to CHE. Also, the board is offering to waive membership fees for families who chair one of our social committees.**

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Mid-Missouri CHE Minimum Standards of Conduct

1. All Mid-MO CHE events are chaperoned by parents. Students are expected to respect and comply with the parent leaders.
2. The Mid-MO CHE board strongly encourages that members who actively exhibit contagious illness refrain from attending an event.
3. No alcohol, smoking, drugs or anything that could cause harm to oneself or others.
4. Good manners and respect for others through words and actions are required. No cursing, rude talk, gossip, or excessive teasing.
5. No public displays of affection (PDA). Mid-MO CHE activities are not for match-making purposes. Our events are designed for "group," not "couple" activities.
6. Respect the property where the event is taking place and clean up after yourself.
7. Dress modestly and appropriately. The purpose of the event will dictate the clothing expected. We realize that standards of dress vary. However, we are reminding all attendees that these are Christian events. As such, the Biblical admonitions to dress modestly apply.
8. Please RSVP promptly if the event coordinator requests one. Do not show up unannounced. Please notify event coordinator of cancellations ASAP for events requiring RSVP.
9. If a youth disobeys the guidelines set forth above:
 - a. He/she will be spoken to by an adult host;
 - b. If the objectionable behavior continues, he/she will be spoken to by 2 to 3 adult hosts, and their parents if present.
 - c. If the objectionable behavior continues, the parent will be contacted and the youth must be removed from the activity. If a parent picks up a youth from an activity for unacceptable behavior, the youth will be welcomed back to the next event if he/she agrees to behave according to the guidelines. If a parent is called and does not come and pick up the youth from the activity in a timely manner, the youth will not be welcome back to these events the rest of the school year

Neither Mid-MO CHE, its leaders, its board members, nor its members are responsible for any accident(s), or injury(ies) during events. Yes, our family wishes to join the Mid-Missouri Co-op of Home Educators. We understand the privileges and responsibilities of membership as stated above and agree to fulfill our responsibilities of membership.

I have read the above guidelines for the Mid-MO Co-op of Home Educators and I agree to comply for the 2019-2020 year.

X _____
(Signature of at least one parent to represent the family is required.)

Printed Name _____ Phone _____

All Teens must have a signed code of conduct on file to participate in CHE events. Please have teens review code of conduct, print their names and sign below. Teens as well as parents are encouraged to join the CHE online groups.io community so that you may stay current with the activities offered. If your family has contact numbers or emails not listed on the front page which could be used by event organizers to reach you, please list on the back. If you have more than 4 teens, please use the back of this page.

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X _____

X _____

X _____

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Please retain the following pages for your information.

All dates are tentative and additional information will be provided via posts to the online forum, groups.io.

PLEASE STOP AND READ CAREFULLY

The first responsibility of membership is to participate in the planning and execution of one of the group activities (e.g. be a committee member). Committees members are required to faithfully attend committee meetings called by the committee chair and help plan, organize and execute the event to which they are assigned. Committee members are required to participate in the event to which they are assigned. Event dates will be added to the calendar as soon as possible.

***** For new members *****

Groups.io moderators will send invitations to the email addresses you provide to join the Midmoche.groups.io group. YOU MUST ACCEPT THIS INVITATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ONLINE FORUM. Please make sure you click the link in the email and the accept button on the web page. This is the primary way members and the board communicate with the membership. Sometimes the invitation message gets overlooked or trapped in spam filters, so please check your spam and trash folders if you do not find this invitation in your email inbox.

Please note that this online forum is frequently used as a support forum for homeschooling parents seeking encouragement during the process and trials of home educating. Please keep this in mind if you choose to provide email addresses of teens/pre-teens on page 1.

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CHE Events and Committees Descriptions/ Service Options

All events described depend on members to lead and complete. Events will not be held without adequate staffing. Due to the nature of some service areas, members filling some needs are selected by the board or an appointed representative of the board and are not listed on the application. Committee chairs secure locations, honor deadlines for applications as applicable, collect registrations and fees when applicable, and delegate tasks to committee participants. Committee chairs are responsible for ensuring any funds collected from event participants are turned in to the Treasurer prior to refunding expenses to members. The treasurer is responsible for reimbursing member expenses.

Committee members are required to faithfully participate in committee meetings called by the committee chair and help plan, organize and execute the event to which they are assigned. Committee members are required to participate in the event to which they are assigned. Committee member tasks include advertising event(s), setting up the site, cleaning up afterwards, preparing & serving refreshments, sharing photos with yearbook staff, other duties as assigned. Event dates will be added to the calendar as soon as possible. **Please be prepared to arrange your schedule so that you may help your committee partners facilitate the event.**

CHE Committees

- **Ice Cream Social:** Kick off the new school year with information/business meeting regarding local resources and MMCHE events.
- **Ladies' Encouragement Tea :** A time for encouragement and fellowship with other homeschool teachers.
- **Fall Festival :** Potluck picnic with opportunities to meet new friends and reconnect with old friends!
- **Winter Carnival :** Carnival atmosphere with games. This committee needs many members to operate the games!
- **Spelling Bee :** The spelling bee offers friendly, educational competition for students in grades 1st - 4th (Fun Bee) and 5th - 8th (Spelling Bee).
- **Science Fair :** This event offers students in grades K-12 an opportunity to showcase their science projects, experiments, or demonstrations. In past years, educational opportunities have been offered at this event.
- **Talent Showcase :** A showcase of our homeschooling community's many talents, performance or otherwise!
- **Annual Business Meeting and Spring Picnic :** We will meet at a local park for our annual business meeting and enjoy fellowship with one another. Rain date is the following Thursday.
- **Newsletter :** Periodic publication to inform and encourage members.
- **Geography Bee :** The Geography Bee is for students in grades 4th -8th. Winners of the local spelling and geography competitions may advance on to regional and national levels.
- **Yearbook :** Each year teens produce a beautiful yearbook showcasing all CHE. Families are encouraged to submit photos throughout the year. Yearbook staff is advised by parents. (This is an advisor position not a full committee. This project is NOT funded through the CHE budget.)
- **Graduation Committee :** This committee is required of any family who wishes to graduate a student in the CHE sponsored graduation ceremony during the current school year. A chair is chosen at the first graduation meeting (held in early fall). Committee members share the responsibilities inherent in planning and conducting a graduation ceremony. CHE graduation is traditionally scheduled for the Saturday following MU's graduation weekend to assist with long-term planning. To participate in graduation, the membership application must be received by September 30th. The Graduation Committee has the option of granting exceptions after September 30th.

CHE Social Groups*

The social groups provide CHE families the opportunity to get to know each other and develop friendships in a Christian atmosphere. Small committees of parents will meet their co-op obligation planning and facilitating activities for each social group. Social groups may be combined if a sufficient number of leaders are not available. Chaperoning/attendance alone does **not** meet the service obligation.

Unless otherwise advised, one parent from each family of teens are expected to attend events with his/her children and act as chaperone. Sometimes, this is not necessary. Please check with the event coordinator ahead of time.

***Teens:** The teen group provides social and/or educational activities for students ranging in age from 13 up to graduation. Teens must have a signed code of conduct on file prior to participating in teen events or teen council. Parents of teens are encouraged to coordinate with the Teen group chair to volunteer to serve at one of the major Teen events along with other events as scheduled.

***Teen Council:** A small leadership and service group of teens meeting monthly to learn leadership skills by participating in formal meeting to plan activities. (Teen Council parents serve in an advisory position, this is not a full committee.)

***Pre-teens:** This group provides social and/or educational activities for students between the ages of 9 and 12.

***Young Explorers:** This group provides social and/or educational activities for students in Kindergarten to 10 years old.

***Bright Beginners:** This group provides social and/or educational activities for preschool students.

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MMCHE MEMBER OWNED BUSINESS INFORMATION

In order to serve and support one another in our homeschooling community, CHE typically includes a list of member owned businesses with the directory. If you wish to be included, please list your business information below. Only applications submitted before the printing deadline can be assured of being in the directory. (Please attach additional pages for additional businesses.)

Business Name: _____

Member Owner(s): _____

Business Address: _____

Provide one sentence to describe your business, this will be listed in the directory just as you write it here:

Business Phone: _____

Business Email: _____

MMCHE STUDENT MEMBER BUSINESS INFORMATION

In order to serve and support one another in our homeschooling community, CHE typically includes a list of student member owned businesses in the directory (Businesses may include but are not limited to babysitting, pet care, and yardwork.) If you wish to be included, please list your business information below. (Please attach additional pages for additional businesses.)

Teen Member: _____

Provide one sentence to describe your business, this will be listed in the directory just as you write it here:

Business Phone: _____

Business Email: _____
