



Thank you for inquiring about CHEA's Support Network. We are glad to have you be a part of our mission of service to families seeking to homeschool their children in a way that will bring glory and honor to God.

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Below are 10 of the many reasons to join our Network.

1. We are experts in working with Christian homeschoolers. Since our inception in 1982, we have been dedicated to serving California's Christian homeschool community. You will have the confidence of being part of an organization with years of successful experience in helping Christian homeschoolers.
2. We provide Christian encouragement and top-notch training for leaders through our leadership conferences, webinars, and regional meetings. As a Support Network Member, you will receive a substantial discount on registration for these events if there is a fee.
3. We publish the CHEA Support Network News, our bi-monthly e-newsletter providing information and tips exclusively for leaders of private Christian homeschool groups. A subscription is included with your Membership for you and other members of your leadership team.
4. We offer a secret Facebook group exclusively for Support Network Member leaders to discuss leadership issues and network with other leaders from across the state. You have the option of adding other members of your leadership team to this group. CHEA Membership is required.
5. We promote your group by giving referrals from our office and at our events as a free service to parents who are looking. Our referrals are comprised of our Support Network Members only so that we can be assured that each referral is to a group that will assist families in creating a Christian homeschool experience for their children.
6. We promote your homeschool events via our digital publications, social media, and our website, www.cheaofca.org. Not only will you benefit by getting the word out about your group and events, but you'll have a calendar of other events taking place around the state.
7. We offer the Susan K. Beatty Scholarship each year to a high school senior who is graduating from home education. Only members of a Support Network Group who are also CHEA Members are eligible.
8. We offer a public online Homeschool Directory which includes listings for all Support Network Members who wish to be included. The Homeschool Directory receives numerous visits each year. Of all the homeschool information, articles, Convention information and registration, book sales, and more on our website, one of the most visited pages is the Homeschool Directory. As a Support Network Member, you will benefit because your group will be seen.
9. We have friendly office staff available four days a week to serve you and your group members. Just having someone available a phone call away to answer questions which arise in your group can save you time and energy. If you are homeschooling your own children and leading your group as well, we understand that you have a full schedule.
10. We share your vision. We seek to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through all we do, focusing especially on assisting parents as they disciple their children. By joining together, we become a "threefold cord" that is not easily broken.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, the final authority of faith and life, without error in its original writing both in doctrine and historical details, and that all true knowledge is consistent with its revelation.

We believe that there is one self-existent God who has always been and will always be, manifest in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that knowing Him truly is the foundation of all knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God manifest in the flesh, born of a virgin, that He is the Savior of mankind through His death on the cross, that He rose from the dead and ascended to God, and that He will return again and will raise those who have believed in Him to reign with Him in power and glory throughout all eternity.

We believe in the brotherhood of all believers who, through faith, have received the salvation provided by God's grace through the death of Jesus Christ.

We believe that children belong to God who has given the responsibility and authority for their education to their parents and that it is their responsibility to protect this parental right.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Christian Home Educators Association of California is to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by Promoting private Christian home education as an outstanding educational opportunity; Providing support, training, and information to the homeschool community; and Protecting the God-given right of parents to direct the education and training of their children, to the Glory of God.

SUPPORT NETWORK MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

1. I am a Christian in agreement with CHEA's Statement of Faith.
2. I will cooperate with CHEA by engaging only Christians in positions of responsibility and leadership within our group or organization.
3. I will ensure that our members understand that our group will operate as a Christian group according to the principles of Scripture, even though our membership may include persons of another conviction.
4. I will support CHEA and its Support Network by conducting myself in a Christian manner while serving members of my group and my community.
5. No leader in our group is a leader of, enrolled in, nor employed by a public school program which enrolls home educators.
6. I will encourage members of my group, as well as other homeschoolers in my area, to become CHEA Members.
7. I will engage with CHEA online via social media by following, liking, sharing, retweeting, etc.
8. I will pass on news of CHEA events to homeschoolers in my area.
9. I will keep CHEA informed of local events by including a CHEA Regional Advisory Board Member on our local newsletter mailing list, e-news, Facebook group, or whatever means of communication that I use.
10. I will notify CHEA of leadership changes in our group during the membership year.
11. I understand that all Support Network Memberships are effective September 1 and expire on August 31, unless otherwise noted and approved on my application.

SUPPORT NETWORK GROUPS

Private School Satellite Program (PSP)

A type of private school in which parents are the primary teachers of their own children. A PSP files one affidavit covering all enrolled families. It meets the requirements of California Education Code §48222, including the following: it is a private full-time day school; it offers instruction in all the branches of study required to be taught in the public schools of the state; and the school keeps the required records, which are turned in to the school by the parent/teachers.

Support Group

A group formed to offer support to parents who homeschool by hosting various activities which encourage parents in all aspects of homeschooling (i.e., spiritual training of children, academic subjects, social skills, etc.). The group does not file an affidavit, each family files their own or is part of a PSP.

Special Interest Group

A group which focuses on a single subject area or style of teaching, for example, a sports league, debate, nature studies, Charlotte Mason, Unit Studies, literary club, etc. Special interest groups are parent-led and not for-profit.

Service Provider

A business which provides services or products to homeschoolers. Included are booksellers, tutors and tutoring centers, organizations or persons who offer classes for a fee but which do not fall in the category of a school, PSP, or support group, stores of any kind, etc.

SUPPORT NETWORK MEMBERSHIP PLANS

Basic Support Network Membership \$75

- Free CHEA Membership with accompanying benefits for the group leader or owner. (\$35.00 value)
- Listing on CHEA's Support Network Member referral list, used at our office and events.
- Free listing on CHEA's Homeschool Directory (\$80.00 value) on our website at www.cheaofca.org. Your listing includes the name of your group, type of group, county, meeting location, list of special services you offer, website, phone number, e-mail address, and a description of up to 200 characters. (optional)
- New Members must purchase *The California Homeschool Manual*, either in book or pdf. Returning Members will receive updates to the manual in digital format as it is revised.
- Subscription to the Support Network News.
- Invitation to attend leadership conferences, regional meetings, and webinars/virtual meetings when offered (some have an extra cost to attend.)
- Invitation to CHEA's Support Network Secret Facebook group.
- CHEA will promote your events in our eNews and on our website
- We will promote your group on social media by posting an ad you create or a video up to 3 minutes long.

250 Support Network Membership \$250

All the benefits of the Basic Support Network Membership, plus:

- Display ad on the landing page of CHEA's Homeschool Directory. The display ad features your group name and link to your website, and/ or your phone number or email address. See the Directory at www.cheaofca.org for examples. If there are more ads purchased than page viewing permits, the ads may be rotated.
- Admission for two to the Annual Leadership Conference.
- Entrance to the Exhibit Hall Preview opening night of the Annual CHEA Convention.

450 Support Network Membership \$450

All the benefits of the 250 Support Network Membership, plus:

- Complimentary banner ad in one issue of CHEA's digital e-News publication, *The Connection*, your choice of issue.
- Complimentary 1/4 page vertical ad in the Annual Convention Program.

Group Support Network Membership

Group Memberships are a special way to support CHEA by providing CHEA Membership to all your members. Each member of your group will receive a \$5 discount on CHEA Membership, as will the leader. Your group will provide much needed financial help for CHEA. The group leader will receive admission to the Exhibit Hall Preview opening night of the Annual Convention. Additionally, everyone enjoys Membership privileges, such as discounts on CHEA Conventions and materials and access to Member only exclusive content. The Group Leader will also receive two additional free MP3 downloads and a \$5 gift certificate to be used at CHEA Conventions or other regional events.

	For the Leader	Per Family
Basic Group Support Network Membership CHEA Membership for every family in the group, plus Basic Support Network Membership for the leader	\$65	\$30
250 Group Support Network Membership CHEA Membership for every family in the group, plus 250 Support Network Membership for the leader	\$225	\$30
450 Group Support Network Membership CHEA Membership for every family in the group, plus 450 Support Network Membership for the leader	\$400	\$30

THE FINE PRINT

One Application per Group or Business

The group leader or owner should join our Support Network. Only one application is accepted from any single group. However, for regional groups which are divided into smaller local groups, we welcome both the regional leader and the local leaders to join.

Support Network Membership Term

Support Network Memberships begin September 1 and expire August 31 unless noted and approved on your application.

Subscription to Leadership Publication/Facebook Groups

As a Support Network Member, you receive a subscription to our bi-monthly leadership newsletter, the Support Network News, which is sent to you via email. You will also receive an invitation to CHEA's Support Network Facebook group just for leaders. You may request additional invitations to the Support Network Facebook secret group for other leaders in your group. Those who receive invitations must be CHEA Members who agree to our Support Network Membership Requirements.

Online Homeschool Directory

Listings on CHEA's Homeschool Directory are available only to Support Network Members, CHEA Advertisers, and Exhibitors. Support Network Member listings expire on August 31. Included in the Homeschool Directory listing is name of your group, type of group, county and meeting location, list of special services you offer, description of up to 200 characters, website, phone number, and e-mail address. The Homeschool Directory is accessible to the public. This service is optional per your decision.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is CHEA's Support Network?

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What does the Support Network do for leaders?

We place an emphasis on leader development and leader support. Support Network members receive a bi-monthly newsletter just for leaders, as well as invitations to regional, statewide, and virtual gatherings. We also have a secret Facebook group just for members where we discuss issues and ideas pertaining to our ministry to homeschoolers. We at CHEA are leaders, too, and so are uniquely positioned to offer help and support. We are just a phone call or email away.

What is the greatest benefit of Support Network membership?

The greatest benefit to being a member is one that comes with no price tag. It's knowing that you are standing shoulder to shoulder with groups across the state, creating a footprint of homeschool freedom. The bigger the network, the bigger the footprint, the greater our political clout when we speak to our elected officials in Sacramento.

Do all of my group members need to be Christian for my group to be eligible for membership?

No. We only ask that the leadership of your group be Christian and in agreement with our statement of faith. Each group is autonomous and establishes its own membership or enrollment criteria.

Can my members' students' be enrolled in a charter school?

Yes. Each group is autonomous and establishes its own membership or enrollment criteria. We ask that the leadership of each Support Network group does homeschool in a manner consistent with our mission to promote private Christian home education.

Does it cost money to become a member?

Yes. The Support Network has three membership levels to make it affordable for both small and larger groups. The cost of basic membership for one year is \$75.00. That price includes one year of CHEA family membership (\$35.00 value) for the leader of the group along with all the benefits and discounts that accompany that, plus a listing on the Homeschool Directory (\$80.00 value). This basic fee has not been raised in more than 20 years. There are other membership options with additional benefits.

I don't want my group to be listed online, so why would I want to join the Support Network?

You are not alone. There are other groups that don't want to be listed online. We will not put your group in the Homeschool Directory if you indicate you do not wish to be included during the registration process. Even if you don't want to be in the Directory, understand that standing with CHEA while we stand for homeschool freedom is one of the greatest parts of being in the Network. When you join the Network you are a part of the wall of protection for the homeschool community. It allows you to network with CHEA and with other homeschool leaders across the state. No homeschool group should be an island unto itself. We are better together.

Questions?

We are here to serve you. Please call us at 562-864-2432 Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. if you have a question.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT NETWORK GROUPS

As Support Network Members, you have several advertising options available for use in our digital publications. Space is limited, so please call for more details. Level 450 Support Network Memberships come with a complimentary banner ad in one issue of our digital publications and a ¼ ad in our Annual Convention Program. Support Network members may also buy advertising space in the Annual Convention Program.

Digital Advertising

Ads may be purchased for either our bi-monthly Support Network News and/or our weekly Connections e-newsletters. All ads must be submitted digitally, in either JPEG or PNG format with the correct dimensions. Ads that do not meet the size specifications will be returned for adjustment. Please contact CHEAAdvertising@cheaofca.org for more information or to purchase and schedule your advertisement

Convention Program

Support Network members may also buy advertising space in the Annual Convention Program. Advertisements are available in quarter, half, and full-page sizes as space allows. Ads will be printed in black and white. Ads must be submitted digitally in PDF format. Please contact CHEAAdvertising@cheaofca.org to for more information. Deadline to purchase and submit an ad to appear in the Convention Program is March 1.

Convention Exhibit Hall

Many businesses which cater to homeschoolers desire to participate in our Conventions. While we appreciate that desire, we also take seriously our responsibility to present the best event possible for our attendees. Because of space limitations, we are able to offer a limited number of booths for Support Network Member PSPs and Support Groups to advertise in our Exhibit Hall. A limited number of Special Interest Groups are allowed in our Exhibit Hall on a case-by-case basis to assure a quality exhibit area with a well-balanced variety of materials and services. Email cheaexhibits@cheaofca.org to request information about being part of our Exhibit Hall.

Additionally, our convention includes a Homeschool Help booth where attendees can get free referrals to all Support Network Member groups in their area.

Literature Bags

We give free Literature Bags to Convention attendees upon check-in. Advertising opportunities are available for all Support Network Members through literature bags. Contact cheaevents@cheaofca.org for more details.