

Sumter Area Family Educators (SAFE)

(www.safehomeschool.org)

Membership Form

2011-2012

The purpose of the Sumter Area Family Educators is to offer information and support from a distinctly Christian perspective to all families interested in home schooling who wish to take part in our organization. SAFE recognizes home schooling families as those who legally home school under the provisions of SC Code § 59-65-40, SC Code § 59-65-45, and SC Code § 59-65-47. Though our faith will often be evidenced in our activities, our aim is not to be a para-church organization. We will be active in political reform that supports the individuals’ right to home school their children. We will also provide information on spiritual, political, curricular, and practical matters. From time to time we will offer activities for the educators and students which will be designed to enhance and support the educational process.

Parents’ Names

Address

City

Zip

Email Address

Phone #

Our newsletter is available on the SAFE website and is the preferred means to communicate news and events to all our members. Check here if you are not able to access the internet and the SAFE website.

Names and grades of children home schooled

(Please list the name by which your child prefers to be called, as well as the last name if it differs from the parents.)

Note: Students must be members of SAFE in order to participate in Club Day & Field Trips unless otherwise stated.

Other than preschoolers, I legally home school in the following way(s):

Option 1 (SC Code 59-65-40) Parents or guardians may teach their children at home if the instruction is approved by the district board of trustees of the district in which the children reside.

Option 2 (SC Code 59-65-45) Parents or guardians may teach their children at home if the instruction is conducted under the auspices of the South Carolina Association of Independent Home Schools.

Option 3 (SC Code 59-65-47) Parents or guardians may teach their children at home if the instruction is conducted under the auspices of an association for home schools.

Name of accountability association:

Note: SAFE (Sumter Area Family Educators) is a support group - not an accountability association for home schools.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. Membership commences upon payment of dues and approval of the Board of Directors. Applicants for membership may be provisionally accepted by the Coordinator between meetings of the Board.

Section 2. By submitting an application for membership in the organization, members agree to abide by all the standards and policies of the organization as established by the Board of Directors. Members shall refrain from engaging in any activity which may bring reproach on the organization or home education.

Section 3. The SAFE Board of Directors may, by a majority vote, deny or terminate membership when in its judgment the best interests of the organization will be served thereby.

Section 4. It shall be within the discretion of the Board to grant membership without full payment of dues to persons who certify they cannot afford to pay regular dues.

Section 5. SAFE does not recognize Virtual Charter Schools (VCS) as home schooling as VCS is public schooling at home. Therefore, VCS students shall not be eligible for membership in SAFE and shall not be allowed to participate in SAFE sponsored activities including but not limited to Club Day, Field Trips, Graduation, Testing, Presentation Night, Science Fair, History Fair, Yearbook, and Field Day.

*I have read and understand the above by-laws and do hereby accept these conditions of membership. We certify that we do not participate in Virtual Charter Schools (VCS) (e.g. K12, Calvert . . .).

Signature(s) _____

Date signed: _____

Dues:

New members—\$25 How did you hear about S.A.F.E.?

Renewing Members: \$25 if paid before August 1st **-OR-** \$30 if paying after August 1st

Optional: SCHEA (South Carolina Home Educators Association) membership—\$15

Total Dues Enclosed: \$_____ (May be written in one check made payable to SAFE.)

Mail completed form, check and a signed copy of the SAFE Statement of Faith to:

SAFE c/o Michelle Puck, 6580 Hidden Haven Road, Sumter, SC 29154

Must be postmarked by August 1st