



**Staten Island Christian Home Educators/NYS LEAH Membership Application 2025-2026**

*“Support and fellowship with born-again Christian homeschooling families”*

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| -Spelling bee               | -Mom’s Night Out                | -Field day   |
| -Science Fair               | -\$15 membership HSLDA discount | -Book Fair   |
| -Graduation/Awards Ceremony | -Student Meet up/classes        | -Field trips |

**New Families pay \$75 to SICHE and \$50 Payable to LEAH**  
**PLEASE SEE LAST PAGE FOR PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

**\*For new applicants- please do not send payment until we approve your application & have done an interview\***  
 Fee can be paid via venmo, zelle, check or cash.

**If the Lord leads you then please check one of the following boxes:**  
**I am enclosing  \$5  \$10  \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward the SICHE scholarship fund**

Names of Parents: HUSBAND \_\_\_\_\_ WIFE \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (with zip code): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list all kids below even if they are Nursery age.**

<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Birth Date &amp; Grade</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Birth Date &amp; Grade</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**Waiver** I/We, the parent(s) of \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_, understand that I am/we are solely responsible for any medical issues that my/our child/children should incur during any Staten Island Christian Home Educators (to be further referred to as SICHE) event, function, or activity.

In consideration of the said SICHE permitting my/our child/children to participate in aforesaid activities, I/we hereby agree to indemnify and save harmless said SICHE and First Bible Church, Clermont Church, their officers, volunteers, adult chaperones, employees and agents against any and all claims for loss or liability incurred by or caused to my/our child/children as a result of said activities.

Parents’ Signatures \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please be advised that SICHE is a parent-led group and depends on families to contribute to our community. Upon acceptance of your membership into SICHE, you will be required to support and participate in activity (i.e.: planning, cleaning, teaching etc.) of this organization as outlined in the By-laws.**

**Please initial your agreement with stipulations here:\_\_\_\_\_**

**NEW applicants: SICHE was formed as a homeschool support group for Christian families.**

**In order to maintain this distinction, please sign the "Statement of Faith,"(pg. 2) , clearly describe your commitment to Christ on the attached form(pg 3), and submit a pastor or elder's recommendation to qualify for membership (pg 4).**

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## **S.I.C.H.E. By-laws**

### **Article IV - Statement of Faith**

We believe:

1. The Bible to be the inspired, infallible, divinely preserved Word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
2. That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood on the cross, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory.
4. That man was created in the image of God, but fell into sin and is therefore lost, and only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ alone, not trusting in any personal works whatsoever, can be saved.
5. That salvation is the free gift of God brought to the sinner by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin.
6. That the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to convict mankind; indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service.
7. That God created man and woman after His own Image, and that God has ordained marriage, consisting of one man and one woman, to be the foundation of the family and to be the only legitimate and Godly expression of sexuality.
8. In the spiritual unity of believers through our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and that individual doctrinal differences which may exist, outside of the aforementioned (IV: 1-7), should not hinder the unity of Christian home educators.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Signature (Both parents must sign unless an explanation is attached.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Pastor's Name & Phone # : \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address (with zip code): \_\_\_\_\_





## **PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS (once approved)**

SICHE is a chapter of [LEAH](#) (Loving Educators at Home). LEAH monitors and advocates with the New York State Legislature and the State Education Department regarding developments on home education policy and regulations. They publish a quarterly newsletter, *The Messenger*, for member families, as well as providing members with special discounts from curriculum suppliers, free opportunities, and regular emails filled with encouragement and ideas.

LEAH membership cost is \$30 which must be paid directly to them via their website. Instructions are below. \$50 is paid directly to SICHE via check/cash to our P.O Box or via venmo @SICHEGroup or Zelle (SICHEGroup@gmail.com). When sending payment, please include your last name and the school year so it can be accounted for correctly.

*Make checks payable to SICHE and mail to:*

**SICHE, P.O. Box 60617, Staten Island, NY 10306.**

There will be a returned check charge to cover penalties we accrue for same.

PLEASE NOTE: SICHE will not accept payment/membership into the group until LEAH payment is made.

### **LEAH ACCOUNT SETUP & PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Click on this link for the new Membership sign up page:  
<https://portal.leah.org/plans/leah-memberships/>
2. Review the info at the top of the page, and then scroll down to the Region that your chapter is located in (Metro NYC). You'll see a fee there.
3. Now you are on the page where you will enter your family's information. This should be filled out for the parent who is the one who will be the primary contact with your chapter and with Homeschool New York / NYS LEAH. (You can enter the other parent later on)
4. The initial questions are pretty straight forward.
5. Check "HSLDA Member" if you current are a member.
6. Check "Special Needs" if you currently are in PICC
7. Select your school district (NYC Geog #District 31- Ric#7)

8. For Account Type, select Parent
9. Create a Username. This can be your email address, or something else that you will remember.
10. Enter your email address – this is the address you want Homeschool New York / NYS LEAH to send communications to
11. Set up a password
12. Adding children: This is for insurance purposes. Please click on Add Child, and enter their first name, last name, and birth date. We will keep this information confidential, we only need to provide a summary to our insurer of how many children are in different age brackets. We don't need the exact birth date, just the month and year, and you can put whatever day of the month you want.
14. "Are you part of any group?" Select "Yes", and then pick your chapter which is SICHE LEAH