

Membership Application Information

We appreciate your interest in GATE Co-op (Godly Academic Teaching & Enrichment Homeschool Organization) to supplement the homeschooling experience of your family. This document will guide you as you consider the application requirements and process for GATE membership.

Is GATE Homeschool Organization Right for Your Family

To help ensure it is a right fit for your family, please take the time to complete the following:

First, review the Application package. This package presents the tenants of faith that we operate under and asks for personal information and references from you. You must agree with the statements and be willing to provide the requested information.

Secondly, read through the Handbook to learn about the policies and agreements of GATE (available online). These procedures, guidelines, and agreements have been carefully developed to help the cooperative run smoothly while providing an equitable and reasonable experience for all concerned. Your entire family will be expected to meet or exceed the standards presented therein.

Finally, pray for guidance and discuss with your family whether this cooperative based organization meets the expectations and needs of your family at this time. If it does and your family is willing to participate within the parameters presented in GATE documents, you are ready to complete an application.

Applying for Membership

Complete the following forms and payment:

Family Information and Agreement

Statement of Faith (with testimony)

Abilities Survey

Application Deposit (please refer to website for current application deposit amount)

Submit in person, by mail, or email.

You may submit in person (printed forms) on any day the cooperative meets, with cash or check payment.

You may submit by mail (printed forms) with check payment included.

You may submit by email (print, then scan and email forms) and mail in check payment.

Email forms to: [hello @ gatehsc.org](mailto:hello@gatehsc.org) (please mail check separately)

Send paper forms and all payments to: GATE PO Box 2244 Allen, TX 75013

*An application for membership consists of all completed forms and deposit received by GATE. For emailed forms, the forms are held until payment is received. **Only complete applications with deposit will be reviewed and considered for membership.***

Deposits are held (not deposited) until the family is confirmed for membership and we are able to place your family in the co-op. You will be contacted when we accept your membership and at that time you will indicate that you would like to commit. If you commit, your check or cash will be deposited and you will receive information for participating in the classes for the upcoming semester.

Questions and Status If you have any questions during your application process or want to check on your family's status, please contact us at hello@gatehsc.org. Thank you again for your interest in GATE Homeschool Organization Co-op.

Family Application and Information

Complete application for membership includes this Application and Information form, the Abilities Survey, the signed Statement of Faith with testimony, and payment of current application deposit fee.

Family Last Name: _____

Father _____ Mother _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Contact email: _____ cell phone: _____

Church Attending _____ Member? ☐ Y ☐ N

Church location (city) _____ Pastor Name _____

How long at this church? _____ Denomination Affiliation _____

Number of years home schooling _____ Are any children not home schooled? ☐ N ☐ Y

Are you/have you been a member of a home school support group or another co-op?

Home school support _____ *Dates of membership* _____

Other Co-op _____ *Dates of membership* _____

Please provide 4 references for you and your family: **2 academic** (includes work, volunteer, or homeschool peers) and **2 spiritual** (Bible study leaders, Life group members, others who know your walk with the Lord). References from current GATE members are beneficial. Please let your references know they will be contacted and need to respond quickly to help process your application.

Name

Email

Academic _____

Academic _____

Spiritual _____

Spiritual _____

Please list names of adults and children who would be attending GATE, including nursery and preschool children. Include current age of children:

_____ **School Year you are applying for:** _____

Statement of Understanding:

I/We have familiarized myself/ourselves with the documents describing the requirements of GATE Homeschool Organization membership including the Policies, Statements, Releases, and Agreements, and understand our entire family will be expected to review these and abide by them when we participate in GATE activities. We understand that all information provided in this application will be used to determine if our family fits within the guidelines of membership. We understand that the determination of GATE Leadership to offer or deny membership is a final decision for the current school year. We understand that membership may be offered for a future semester if there is not room for all students in the current class (waitlist).

Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

GATE use only

APP: ____ Info ____ SoF ____ AS REF: ____ SG ____ CH ____ Ac ____ Sp FEE: _____ Placed: _____

Family Last Name: _____

*Please read and complete this form by **signing page 2** showing your agreement with the spiritual goals and purposes of GATE. This form is one part of the Application for Membership and signing page 2 indicates agreement to both pages of the document.*

GATE Statement of Faith and Beliefs

- The Trinity: We believe that there is one, true God, who exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. (Is 43:10-11; Eph 4:6; Deut 6:4; 1 Cor 8:6; John 10:30; John 10: 37-38; John 15:26; John 17:1-26)
- The Canon: We believe The Holy Bible is the definitive, inspired Word of God. It is infallible, authoritative and inerrant in its original form in whole and in part. The Holy Bible is the only book of God's Word, constituting complete and final revelation. No other text is equal to or greater than The Holy Bible. The Holy Bible cannot be added to, nor can texts be deleted from it. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Matt. 5: 17-18; Rev. 22:18-19)
- Incarnation: We believe in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. We believe Jesus is God. He came into the world in human flesh, fully God and fully man. We believe in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory. The central purpose of the coming of Jesus Christ was to pay the penalty for man's sin through crucifixion. (John 1:1-14; Is. 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:35; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; Heb. 7:25; Heb. 9:12; Col. 1:13-14; John 2:11; John 11:25; Acts 1:11; Rev. 19:11-16)
- Resurrection: We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost--those who are saved unto eternal life and those who are lost unto eternal damnation. (John 5:28-29; Romans 6:23; 1 Cor 15:17-22)
- Creation: We hold that all of creation is a direct act of God (as opposed to evolution, which, by definition, denies intelligent design). We believe that man is a separate creation from animals. (Genesis 1:26-28, 5:1-2)
- Original Sin and Salvation: We believe that man is sinful by nature and that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is essential for salvation. Salvation is a free gift from God, which must be responded to by individual faith and repentance. Salvation does not come from trusting in any personal works whatsoever, but in the sacrificial, atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ alone. (Romans 3:19-26; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; John 3:16-21; Eph 2:3-5; Titus 3:5-7; Is 43:13)
- New Creation in Christ: We believe in the continuing ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life. (2 Cor 5:17-20; Eph 2:14-20; Eph 4:30-32; Eph 5:18; 1 Cor 6:19; Romans 8:18-28)

Marriage, Family, & Education Statement

We hold that the Biblical model and definition of family is a husband and a wife and the children God gives them through birth, adoption, or guardianship. The family unit is accountable to each other and to God. (Genesis 2:18-24; Deut 5:16; Deut 32:46; Prov 12:4; Mal 2:15; Eph 5:22-28; Eph 6:1). We hold as belief and conviction that children are given by God as a stewardship to the parent, not the state, and that parents have the ability and authority to teach and educate their own children. (Prov. 22:6; Deut. 6:6-7; Eph. 6:4, Ps. 127:3-5).

Sexuality and Gender Statement

We believe that sexual intimacy is to occur between a man and a woman bound in marriage. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. GATE upholds the Biblical definition of gender as a person's biological sex at birth; created either male or female in the image of God (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-6; Heb 13:4; Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10; Gen 1:26-27).

Statement of Non-affiliation

GATE Homeschool Organization is not affiliated with any one denomination or religion, and neither supports nor endorses the World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, or any other world, national, or regional organization which gives Christian recognition to unbelievers or advocates multi-faith religious or doctrinal unity.

Denominational Differences

GATE Homeschool Organization's Statement of Faith is fundamental to basic Christian tenets and contains those doctrines to which we unreservedly adhere. While striving to have the same attitude as Christ, and looking not only to self, but also to the interest of others, we hold to the maxim "In essentials unity, nonessentials liberty and in all things charity." The following areas are left primarily to the teaching of the home and church and will not be taught, discussed, or practiced during co-op activities:

1. Church government, authority, and discipline
2. Time and mode of baptism
3. Security of the believer
4. Timing of future events or Tribulations
5. Second work of grace or baptism of the Holy Spirit
6. Sinless perfection
7. Gifts of the Spirit, tongues, interpretation of tongues, healing, miracle working and discerning of spirits
8. Election or Predestination

There will be no attempt made by parents of students to promote these denominational positions. We desire to remain united in the salvation and love of Christ, avoiding dissension, which may be caused by denominational differences.

Member family agreement:

A brief testimony of faith (1 paragraph) for each adult who will be participating in the cooperative shall be included with this application.

Any adult teaching at GATE Co-op must have previously placed his/her faith in Jesus Christ and received salvation from Him alone and have been a follower of Christ for at least a year. They must fully agree with the Statement of Faith and Beliefs and teach according to these tenants and statements.

We agree with the tenants of Christian faith and the unified purposes of the statements listed herein *on pages 1-2 of this document*, and will ensure that our family abides by these during any participation in GATE Co-op activities.

Testimony of Salvation Experience:

Please provide a brief testimony of faith (1 paragraph) for each adult who will be participating in the cooperative.

Family Abilities Survey

Please complete this survey to help us know about the abilities and gifts available within our co-op that could benefit the goals and purposes of GATE. This form is one part of the Application for Membership.

Family Last Name: _____

Father _____ Mother _____

Father Contact _____ circle one: Land line Cell Phone

Mother Contact _____ circle one: Land line Cell Phone

Main Family Email _____

NOTE: We communicate almost exclusively through email; Please remember to check email regularly.

List your spiritual gifts and given talents:

Father _____

Mother _____

List your interests, hobbies, experiences in service projects or civic groups:

Father _____

Mother _____

List any training, profession, higher education or degrees you have:

Father _____

Mother _____

Are there any classes you have previously taught at home, in a group setting, or other co-op that you would be interested in teaching: ☐ Yes **use back for listing** ☐ No

Grade levels you are willing to teach ☐ Nursery/PreK ☐ K-2 ☐ 3-5 ☐ 6-8
☐ 9-12

Is there any physical impairment that would require modification of your participation in set up or clean up services in the co-op? No Yes If yes, please explain _____

Additional Information for Abilities Survey

Classes previously taught (Please indicate mother or father next to class, and if applicable, the grade level of the class)

Classes you would be interested in teaching

Other class ideas or classes you desire for your student(s). Please indicate if you might be willing to teach or co-teach.