

# Heritage Academy

3251 Greendale Road

Birmingham, Alabama 35243

*Blessed are You, O Lord! Teach me your Statutes.* Ps 119:12

Dear current and prospective Home Educator:

We are glad the Lord has led you to an interest in the home education of your covenant children. As Christian parents we desire to teach God's children to have wisdom. Home schooling is a good and godly way to raise children in "the fear and admonition of the Lord." According to the Home School Legal Defense Association, the right to home school in Alabama is the easiest to defend. While home schooling is not specifically mentioned in the Compulsory Education Law, you may do so in one of two ways: 1) be a certified teacher and come under the authority of the local public school superintendent **or** 2) submit to the authority and oversight of a local church-school. Proverbs says there "is wisdom in a multitude of counselors." Even if Alabama law did not require home schooling families to be under the oversight of a local church school, it would be prudent to do so. As hard as it is to believe, some parents have actually declared themselves a "church" in an attempt to skirt the law; should such a "tactic" become prevalent, bible-believing congregations will eventually be hurt. In 1985, we began to accept Christian families as Heritage Academy faculty and students, thus making us one of the home schooling pioneers in Alabama. Heritage Academy has promoted home schooling, protected her families and had a good record of achievement ever since.

The following list will help you in your decision of whether to apply to Heritage:

## Advantages of Heritage Academy

Heritage Academy is a ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church, providing sound spiritual encouragement and direction, and legal grounds to pursue this high calling.

Heritage Academy belongs to one of the oldest church school organizations, the Alabama Christian Education Association, through ACEA students may participate in statewide activities.

Heritage Academy stays in contact with you primarily by email, Facebook and website; we help you network for assistance.

If needed Godly coordinators can assist you in developing a curriculum for your child(ren)'s needs from a Biblical world and life view. If you need extensive consultation, there may be a fee.

Maintains academic records, transcripts and awards diplomas.

## Requirements for Parent-Teachers

Both parents must be active members of an evangelical Christian church, willing to subscribe to and sign the Apostles' Creed as a statement of their basic beliefs.

Complete and email all application forms to: ke4nrl@bellsouth.net

Interview with the Administrator/Headmaster of Heritage Academy and, upon acceptance, register as parent-faculty members.

At least one parent must attend faculty meetings

Access to the internet is essential. Curriculum information, attendance reporting, progress reports, grades and credits earned are all reported to us by parents through our website

Achievement tests every other year, for children fourth grade and up.

A Heritage Academy Covenant must be signed and honored.

## Fees and Tuition

Family tuition is \$50 per year plus Annual ACEA dues of \$21 per child over 5 and **MUST** be paid by September 30<sup>th</sup>

We encourage you to join the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA)

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If you are committed to home-schooling on Biblical principles and wish to apply, please contact [www.theheritageconnection.com](http://www.theheritageconnection.com)

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**PARENT/TEACHER APPLICATION**

**F20**\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

**Parent(1)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

**Employment(1)** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Address Phone

**Education(1)** \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Graduation Year College Graduation Year

**Marital Status** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(2)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

**Employment(2)** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Address Phone

**Education(2)** \_\_\_\_\_  
High School Graduation Year College Graduation Year

**Home Street:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Cell

**Children** (Names and Ages) \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY / THEOLOGY**

Describe your educational philosophy.

What is your approach to teaching reading?

What is your view of the origin of the universe, life, and man?

Describe your personal and family Bible study.

In what ways have you recognized the Lord leading you into Christian home education?  
Include your biblical basis for home education.

Discuss your view of the Bible and its authority and sufficiency in all areas of faith and life.

God says to "always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you."  
(1 Peter 3:15) Hope is in Jesus Christ alone. Briefly present the gospel message of salvation by faith alone and its significance to your philosophy of home education.

Below is a clear, historical expression of the Christian faith--a contemporary English version of the Apostles' Creed. This summary represents basic Christian beliefs unifying Heritage Academy educators. Please sign below to show your agreement with this expression of faith.

*I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the church universal; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(1)Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
(2)Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Ecclesiastical Information:**

Church

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Denomination

Pastor's

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Interview Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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**INDIVIDUAL STUDENT APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

**Pupil Information:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 201\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Grade level applying for \_\_\_\_\_ Previous school attended \_\_\_\_\_

Special Health Concerns \_\_\_\_\_

Has Applicant been expelled suspended or dismissed from school at any time? \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information:**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Business Address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Which Church? \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Family Health Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

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For Office Use Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Interview Date

\_\_\_\_\_ ACEA Dues

\_\_\_\_\_ School Records Rec'd

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**PASTOR'S QUESTIONNAIRE**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) and grade(s) of child/children applying

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The above family has applied for acceptance into our academy as home educators. It is our desire to work with you in a total evaluation of them prior to their being accepted. Therefore, would you aid us by answering the brief questionnaire below? In this way we will gain more insight into the family; and, you in turn will be able to provide additional pastoral care as needed. Please make a copy of this questionnaire prior to returning it to us and share the content with the family if you desire. We appreciate your honest evaluation.

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1. Do you personally know the family? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe your pastoral relation with the family  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Has the family been in attendance for more than one year? \_\_\_\_ About how many times per month? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which family members are professing Christians?  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Are the family members considered to be members in good standing with your church? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are members of the family active in the ministries of the church? (If "yes", please explain.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Based upon your personal pastoral knowledge of the family in question, would you recommend them to us?  
Yes\_\_ No \_\_ If no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## HERITAGE ACADEMY COVENANT

1. We have fully read, understood, and agree to all of the policies and procedures in the Heritage Academy Manual. Therefore, we understand and are committed to faithfully keep our online reporting up-to-date; and if a faculty meeting is called at least one parent will attend.

2. We also recognize our responsibility to bring up our child(ren) in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We understand that this necessitates the weekly observance of the Lord's Day. We are committed, as a family, to worship the Lord weekly in the local evangelical church in which our membership resides. We understand that Heritage Academy is committed to encouraging and promoting faith and life in Christ and will be communicating throughout the year with our pastor in order to contribute to the Christian growth in our family.

3. We agree to render as payment to Heritage Academy \$50/family plus \$21/student ACEA dues. We understand our access to Heritage Academy's online system will be stopped until all fees are paid and no transcripts will be released until our account is paid in full.

4. As Christians we must provide an environment conducive to the spiritual growth and development of our young people. We believe that Christian students should avoid practices which cause the loss of sensitivity to the spiritual needs of the world system and the loss of the Christian's physical, mental, or spiritual well-being (Romans 12:1-2). We will strive to insure that our young people will adhere to the following standards (*especially when involved in a Heritage school function*):

- Maintain high standards of courtesy, morality, and honesty.
- Be kind, helpful and always respect those in authority.
- Be dressed appropriately and modestly. (i.e. clothing, hairstyle should not draw undue attention to wearer, tattoos and body piercing should not be visible).

5. In signing this covenant with Heritage, we acknowledge our responsibility before God to be faithful in all of these matters and that the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church with the Administrators of Heritage Academy also have a responsibility before God to help us and to hold us to our commitment.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 201 \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent signature

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## REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF RECORDS

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date: / /201\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: / /\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that I am a parent or legal guardian of the above named student.

Please send a copy of my child's transcript & records to:

**HERITAGE ACADEMY**  
**3251 Greendale Road**  
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Thank you,

(Legal signature)  
Parent, guardian

**YEARLY ATTENDANCE RECORD  
HERITAGE ACADEMY  
(Due at the end of each year; one per student)**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL YEAR: 201\_\_\_\_\_

SEPTEMBER

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

TOTAL

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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

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JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

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MARCH

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APRIL

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MAY

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JUNE

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JULY

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AUGUST

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Please circle days present.      TOTAL DAYS IN SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_(put this online also)

RETAIN COPY IN YOUR RECORDS AND BE PREPARED TO SUBMIT COPY IF REQUESTED