

Foothills Accountability Association Statement of Agreement and Commitment

(Please make a personal copy of this page for your records, as your signature indicates acceptance of agreement.)

I/we agree to comply with all requirements as listed on page one of this application, and understand that signing below indicates agreement to comply.

Foothills Accountability Association provides legal coverage as required under SC Statute 59-65-47 and additional services that we choose to provide. I/we understand that Foothills, nor its volunteers, can in no way guarantee college admission acceptance, scholarship grants, or job placement.

You are not legal under this option until your signed paper and fee are received by the Foothills Administrator. To maintain good standing in FAA, you must attend a New Member Orientation to activate your membership, and attend January and May records checkoff meetings. You must renew your membership each year. Notification of Checkoff meetings are given by mail and email, and are scheduled for Mid-January and Mid-May of every school year. **If you have not received notification, it is YOUR responsibility to contact the Administrator to receive dates and times for checkoff. Questions? We are here to help! Please visit our website at www.scfoothillshomeschool.com or call (864) 972-2460.**

Parent's name (please print): _____		
Address: _____		

_____	_____	_____
date	home phone	email address
**SCHOOL DISTRICT---Circle One: Oconee Pickens Greenville Anderson 1 Anderson 2 Anderson 3 Anderson 4 Anderson 5		
Name of teaching parent, and HS attended or GED year: _____		

Name of student _____	AGE _____	GRADE (REQUIRED) _____ :
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Statement of Agreement/Commitment

I/we agree to the stipulations required by Foothills membership and covenant together with other members of the Foothills Accountability Association to be accountable to God and each other, to fulfill our home schooling responsibilities as required by law, and to represent the home schooling community in a positive, appropriate, and above-reproach manner.

_____	_____
parent/legal guardian signature	parent/legal guardian signature

You will receive confirmation of membership. If you are joining in the middle of a school year, we advise you to become legal and gather any curriculum materials prior to withdrawing your child from public school. Please give school officials contact information for FAA to obtain verbal confirmation of your legal status, but it is not required under law to submit any additional withdrawal paperwork to the district.

Fees:	\$40.00 per family, per school year, plus any of the following that apply:
ADD:	\$5.00 if you are homeschooling high schoolers (and 7th /8th graders taking High school credit)
ADD:	\$20.00 if you are homeschooling a Senior (a child who will be graduating this school year)
ADD:	\$20.00 if you are Joining or Renewing AFTER OCTOBER 1st.
<u>NO Refunds are given for any reason once application is accepted.</u>	

Make checks or money order payable to: **Kim Williams**
PO Box 351
Seneca, SC 29679

Keep this document for your records, as it lists your responsibilities as a home-schooling parent/guardian registered through Foothills. Fill out the attached application, make a copy for your records, and send with fee to the address given.

Read the following Membership Requirements CAREFULLY before signing the attached application. Signing the application indicates that you fully understand and agree to comply with all of the following requirements.

1) Parent must follow all requirements as listed in SC Law Section 59-65-47:

A) Parent must hold at least a high school diploma or the equivalent (GED) certificate; (**Only a parent or LEGAL guardian may homeschool the child.)

B) The instructional year is at least 180 days; and

C) The curriculum includes but is not limited to, the basic instructional areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies; and in grades seven through twelve, composition and literature,

D) Educational records shall be maintained by the parent/teacher and include:

1—A **Planbook**, diary or other written record indicating subjects taught and activities which the student and parent/teacher engages;

2—A **portfolio of samples** of the students academic work;

3—A **semiannual progress report** including attendance records and individualized documentation of the student's academic progress in each of the basic instructional areas specified in item C) above.

2) Parent must COMPLETE the required 180 days of school (see b above) NO LATER THAN May 31st. You may begin your school year at any time after June 1st as long as the required 180 days are completed by May 31st.

3) Parent will attend MANDATORY January and May Accountability meetings, bringing records listed in (d) to show volunteers for mutual accountability. If the parent does not attend BOTH meetings, or does not have the three items listed in section (d), he WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE A MEMBER of the Association (and thus not legally homeschooling through Foothills). Once dropped from Foothills group for any reason, you must wait one calendar year to reapply for membership. Your local school district may also be notified of your change in legal status.

4) If you fail to provide the required records during an Accountability meeting as listed above in 1 and 2, you will be required to submit all records for additional review to a pre-selected Review Board to determine compliance with SC State Homeschool law. The board will then provide counseling, assistance or take further action at their discretion. If you must be called twice for additional review for failure to comply as listed here, you will be dropped from the Foothills group and not permitted to rejoin.

4) New Members will attend a Mandatory New Member Orientation meeting after joining. All new members must attend in order to ensure legal status. Meeting will be set by the Administrator and notification of the meeting will occur on website and/or email.

UNLESS YOU ARE A FOREIGN MISSIONARY IN THE FIELD (AND MAIL IN COPIES OF YOUR RECORDS), IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT YOU ATTEND THE MEETINGS LISTED ABOVE. OUR ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP EXISTS TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH FACE TO FACE FELLOWSHIP. **EXCEPTIONS WILL NOT BE MADE.** EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR SCHEDULE IN THE CASE OF SURGERY, DEATH, BIRTH OF A CHILD, AND OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. THE CHECKOFF MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS SET FOR THE SAME TIMES EVERY YEAR. SCHEDULE YOUR VACATIONS AROUND THESE DATES. HOMESCHOOLING TAKES DEDICATION TO SUCCEED. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD TO MAKE ALL MEETINGS.

5) If you are homeschooling a high school child, you will be responsible for the following:

You are required to keep numerical grades of your student's work, submit 5 work samples for each subject at each checkoff, and provide a final transcript in place of the progress report for the May checkoff. Final Transcript must include grades computed the 10 point UGS (Uniform Grading Scale), which is now required by colleges for admission. **A CORRECTED, PERMANENT COPY MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN JUNE 5. IF NO TRANSCRIPT IS SUBMITTED BY THE DUE DATE, A GPA OF 3.5 WILL BE ASSIGNED FOR THE RANKING REPORT, WHICH WILL BE A PART OF THEIR PERMANENT RECORD.**

We will assist you in computing the grades, setting up the transcript and college portfolio. We will also file scholarships, provide course and curriculum support, and provide class ranking and college admission documents as needed.