

Family Learning Academy (FLA), founded in 1984, is registered with the state of Delaware as a "legal umbrella" and with the IRS as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. Presently, FLA serves families in southern New Castle and Kent counties. Many of its alumni have gone on to study at various universities across the country (a number with substantial scholarships), while others have joined the military or entered the work force upon graduation.

## What benefits does FLA provide for its families?

- Access to years of homeschooling experience in the context of a supportive community
- Specialized assistance with high school home education - help with high school transcripts (including the use of our school seal), needed signatures for forms (for those college-bound), and assistance in enrolling high school students in college courses (dual enrollment)
- Teacher card (useful for discounts)
- HSLDA membership discount
- Monthly informational newsletter, Yahoo email loop, and legal updates
- Well-stocked lending library (wide variety of curricula and other teaching resources)
- Yearly used curricula/book sale
- Standardized testing services

- Group activities/events (skating, bowling, tennis, martial arts, talent show and other activities that vary year-to-year)
- High school graduation exercises and promotion ceremony for Grades K-11

Although FLA offers many benefits, individual teacher/parents are fully responsible for their child(ren)'s education. During the first year of homeschooling, FLA families are paired with a FLA Advisor, an experienced homeschooling mom who offers encouragement and support. However, member families do their own research, develop their own curriculum plans, and keep their own daily records.

## What does FLA ask of its families?

**All families** - completion of a *teacher contract* (including a curriculum plan for each student) at the beginning of the school year and a *180-day form* (necessary for FLA's Department of Education report) at the end of the school year

**First year families** - attendance at a *first year family workshop* (in August), two *progress reviews* with an FLA Advisor (1 in January and 1 in May), and two *typed report cards* (January, May)

**Families with high school students** - a *yearly updated transcript* for each high school student and a *yearly credit check* with an FLA Advisor (in May), as well as typed year-end report cards for any students not yet in high school. The first year a family has a high school student in FLA, a parent must attend a high school workshop (in August)

**Returning families with no high school students** - *typed report cards* for each student at the end of the school year

## How much does it cost for a family to join FLA?

FLA tuition for the 2009-2010 school year is \$75 per family/semester or \$150 per family/year.

Tuition can be paid in one installment (due no later than August 18<sup>th</sup>) or in two installments (due no later than August 18<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup>).

- First year families pay an additional \$50 per family/year to cover the additional services that they receive. This payment is due August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Returning families with high school students pay an additional \$25 per family/year to cover the additional services that they receive. This payment is due August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- A late fee (\$25) is charged for payments not received by the due dates (August 18<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup>)

## How can a family join FLA?

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year is open from June 3<sup>rd</sup> - August 18<sup>th</sup>. In order to join FLA, a family must complete a school membership contract application, which can be obtained by

- downloading a copy from the school's website [familylearningacademy.org](http://familylearningacademy.org)
- calling the school (653.1775) or emailing the school ([FLA-admin.@familylearningacademy.org](mailto:FLA-admin.@familylearningacademy.org)) and requesting that a copy be mailed to you

Completed contracts, along with tuition payments, can be mailed to the school address

**Family Learning Academy**  
PO Box 249  
Camden-Wyoming, DE 19934

*No contracts are considered without tuition payment. Personal checks should be made out to Family Learning Academy.*

Contracts and tuition payments are also accepted at the summer library day (July 17<sup>th</sup>) and at the August 18<sup>th</sup> orientation meeting.

Families may apply for FLA membership after August 18<sup>th</sup>. However, these families must pay an additional \$25 greeter fee, which covers a one-on-one meeting with the facilitator of the August first year family workshop.

## **When and where does FLA's orientation meeting take place?**

FLA's 2009 orientation meeting will take place on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Grace Presbyterian Church (350 McKee Road, Dover). *Families who are new to the school must attend one of two workshops held the night of this meeting - the first year family workshop or the high school workshop. If a family has both high school students and younger children, it is ideal for both parents to be present. Returning families with a high school student for the first time must also attend the high school workshop.*

At the August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, both new and returning families are given the opportunity to sign their children up for a variety of classes and activities, receive other information concerning FLA, and connect with other homeschooling parents.

## **Important Dates for the 2009-2010 School Year**

### **August 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Orientation Meeting
- Activities Sign-ups
- First Year Family Workshop
- High School Workshop
- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuition Payment Due

### **January 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Progress Reviews & Mid-Year Report Cards for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Families Due
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuition Payment Due

### **June 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Progress Reviews for 1<sup>st</sup> Year Families
- High school credit checks
- End-of-the-year Report Cards Due
- Promotion/Graduation Ceremony

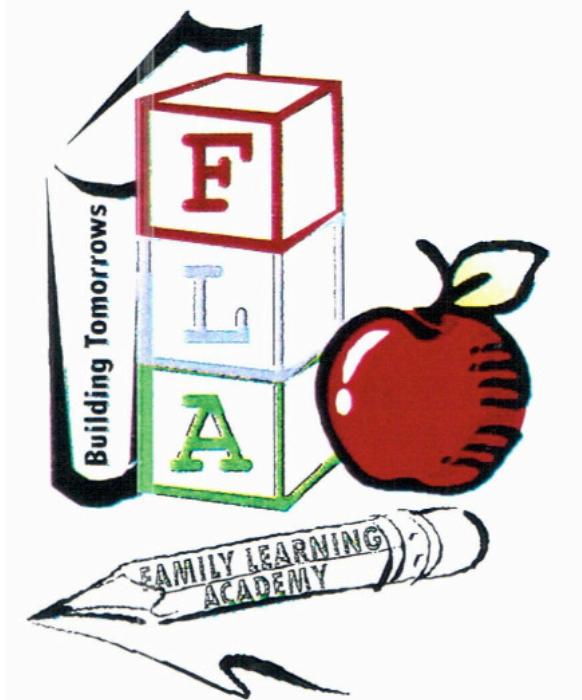
## **FLA Library**

FLA has tremendous resources in its library, which is located in a building behind Grace Presbyterian Church (350 McKee Road in Dover). A wide variety of curricula may be checked out by member families for an entire school year (on a first-come, first-served basis).

Many families recoup their entire tuition (or more) as a result of their yearly library curricula check-outs. The library also has science kits, gym equipment, math manipulatives, quality literature, and educational games.

Curricula for the 2009-2010 school year may be checked out on FLA's summer library day - July 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12 pm. However, to use the library, you must be registered in the school (you will be able to register that day at the library).

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## **MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION**

Twenty-four years of  
serving homeschooling  
families in Delaware  
1984 - 2009