**G3O Requirements and Fees for 2020 - 2021**

Accountability & G3O Members **MUST** adhere to **ALL** requirements of Section 59-65-47 of the SC Homeschool Law.

SECTION 59-65-47. Associations for home schools; requirements.

In lieu of the requirements of Section 59-65-40 or Section 59-65-45, parents or guardians may teach their children if the instruction is conducted under the auspices of an association for home schools which has no fewer than fifty members and meets the requirements of this section. G3O is a registered Homeschool Association with The Office of Federal and State Accountability via the SC Department of Education. Bona fide membership and continuing compliance with the academic standards of the association exempts the home school from the further requirements of Section 59-65-40 or Section 59-65-45.

The State Department of Education conducts annually a review of the association standards to ensure that requirements of the association, at a minimum, include:

(a) a parent must hold at least a high school diploma or the equivalent general educational development (GED) certificate;

(b) the instructional year is at least one hundred eighty days;

(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; and

(d) educational records shall be maintained by the parent-teacher and include:

(1) a plan book, diary, or other record indicating subjects taught and activities in which the student and parent-teacher engage;

(2) a portfolio of samples of the student's academic work; and

(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.

By January thirtieth of each year, all associations shall report the number and grade level of children home schooled through the association to the children's respective school districts.

HISTORY: 1996 Act No. 429, Section 4.

**Membership fees and applications are required each year.**

**Cost:  Accountability Only -** $20 per child, $35 per family, Applications accepted year-round. **Accountability Only for GO Family** - $15 per child, $25 per family **G3O Annual Membership** - $50 per child, $90 per family **G3O Annual Membership for GO Family** - $35 per child, $65 per family

Accountability and Membership descriptions are listed on page 3

Applications can be submitted online at GotOptionsLLC.com/accountability

**You will be required to provide a copy of your High School Diploma or GED upon applying. It can be emailed to info.gotoptions@gmail.com or mailed along with your membership fees to the address provided below.**

Members agree to notify us of any inquiries made by SC Dept of Ed, Social Services, and/or Law Enforcement within 24 hours. Should this happen, members agree to provide us with any and all necessary records immediately.

Members agree to notify us of any change of address, other contact information, or family status within 15 days of said change.

There are no late fees to apply. Fees remain the same no matter the date of application. ALL memberships end on June 30th regardless of joining date.

Membership runs from July 1st-June 30th. If your homeschool year ends later than June 30th, please re-enroll in order to remain under the legal umbrella.

Each member is required to submit a Year-End Compliance Form at the close of each school year. Failure to submit this form will result in non-compliance and will make you ineligible to join the association the following year. In the event that you enroll your child in public or private school we will not be able to certify that your child has completed the school year. Parents/Teachers are responsible for keeping all other records as required by Section 59-65-47 of SC Code of Law.

**A member may be placed on probationary status for non-compliance of G3O's policies and/or non-compliance of 59-65-47. If membership is terminated for non-compliance, you could be held for truancy under the compulsory attendance law.**

Refunds are **NOT** permitted. Please read carefully the Member Services page and ask any questions that you may have **BEFORE** registering. We encourage you to search our site thoroughly prior to registration. You may contact us at info.gotoptions@gmail.com.

You can mail membership fees to:

**GotOptions LLC**

**G3O Home Educators Association**

**P.O. Box 533**

**Aynor, SC 29511**

Please note that there will be a $37 fee for all returned checks and possible cancellation of membership due to non-compliance. Thank you!

Accountability and G3O Membership Application 2020-2021 School Year

IF YOU PLAN TO USE AN ONLINE PUBLIC SCHOOL, YOU SHOULD NOT SIGN UP AS A 3RD OPTION HOMESCHOOLER AS WELL. EXAMPLES OF ONLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE CONNECTIONS ACADEMY AND K12. THEIR WEBSITE WILL STATE THEY ARE A TUITION FREE ONLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF YOU ARE USING AN ONLINE PUBLIC SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT GO BEFORE REGISTERING. GOTOPTIONS ALSO OFFERS LEARNING COACHES FOR ONLINE CLASSES THROUGH THESE SCHOOLS. PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL FOR MORE INFO.

Accountability Only Option includes accountability for the current school year (July 2020 - June 2021), emailed acceptance letter, emailed membership cards, homeschooling certificate, monthly newsletter, phone/text/email support, member-only field trips calendar (planned around the area where majority of members live). Each Family is asked to host 1 field trip or social for their area.

G3O Membership includes all Accountability Only services listed above for the families that are a part of GotOptions Teaching Coach Services, plus discounted socialization/support group activities including dances/proms, sports, discounted field trips and FREE monthly socials.

**- GO offers affordable membership for legal accountability for your entire family.

- Free planning/record keeping sheets, a monthly newsletter, phone/email support, and emailed membership card are included in Accountability membership.**

**- G3O Members will also receive report cards and transcripts included in their membership fees. Accountability Only Members can request High School transcripts, report cards and diplomas for an additional fee.

-End-of-Year forms are available online for fast processing.  Each form walks you through the Third Option SC Homeschool Law to make sure you understand what is required of you to legally homeschool.**- **G3O Members have an opportunity to participate in GO field trips at discounted rates and FREE monthly socials.**

 **- G30 Home Educators Accountability Association completes the SC Department of Education's Annual Review of Standards each year.**