



Vine & Branches Homeschoolers

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA [John 15:4-5](#)

Co-op Application – 2023/2024 School Year

1. Family Info

Wife's Full Name:	
Husband's Full Name:	
Wife Cell Phone:	
Husband Cell Phone:	
Home Address:	
Email:	

2. Background Questions

(Please respond on a separate paper and include with your application.)

1. How did you hear about Vine and Branches?
2. Do you have any connection to current Vine and Branches Families who could serve as a reference for you?
3. Has your family ever been a part of another co-op? Are you currently participating in another co-op?
4. If you left a co-op please explain the circumstances for leaving.
5. Where are you currently attending church? How are you involved in this congregation?
6. What are you actively doing as a family to grow your faith? How is your home school experience part of this journey?
7. Why do you want to join V&B?

As the leadership team works to fill all the serving roles for the upcoming semester it is helpful to know about events that will keep families away from co-op.

8. Are there any vacations or family commitments that you know of that will keep you from being present on co-op days?
9. Are you currently pregnant and due during the co-op year? Or do you have a health procedure that will cause you to miss co-op? If so please include helpful dates and information accordingly.

Please note that every time you miss co-op, others must double up their duties to cover yours; co-op can only exist when we all help carry the load.

Please make consistent attendance HIGH priority.

3. Your Children Joining You at V&B Co-op

Learners Policy - To ensure a positive and safe experience for both our teachers and children, we ask that you consider the following as you register your children. At this time we are not equipped to meet the needs of students that have learning and/or behavioral challenges. This means that enrolled children are expected to participate with age appropriate behavior and attitudes. Please refer to our Code of Honor and 3R's for more details on co-op day functioning. Please reach contact the Leadership Team with questions.

Guest Children - At this time we are only accepting registration of children who legally belong to your family. We do not have the capacity to accept extra children you may have with you during the day as part of a child care job or the children of friends whom you may occasionally desire to bring along.

Child #1 Full Name _____

Birthdate and age as of 9/1/23: _____ Approx. School Grade _____

Gender: M/ F

Child #2 Full Name _____

Birthdate and age as of 9/1/23: _____ Approx. School Grade _____

Gender: M/ F

Child #3 Full Name _____

Birthdate and age as of 9/1/23: _____ Approx. School Grade _____

Gender: M/ F

Child #4 Full

Name _____

Birthdate and age as of 9/1/23: _____ Approx. School Grade _____

Gender: M/ F

Please list any other helpful information we should know about your children including any health issues, like allergies or asthma.

~For additional children ages 3 and older please share their details on the back of this page.~

Nursery care will be available for children ages 0-2

Please list names and birthdates for any children age 0-2. Also specify if you have an infant you do not wish to place in nursery.

*NURSERY NOTE: There may be an extra fee for infant/toddler care depending on class sizes/available helpers. Access to nursery care may also be limited to the period you are serving as a teacher or assistant. Please contact the leadership team for details on this semester's policy.

4. Serving Preferences

At Vine & Branches, all families contribute to classroom time, housekeeping, and extracurricular activities. This is our effort to ensure balance across all members. Rest and community building are held in high value and thus our goal is that each parent will have some flex time in the parents' lounge except when needed to substitute. Another highly valued aspect of Vine & Branches is to position parents in well-suited roles where they are not drained but energized. Please give feedback in the following areas:

A. *Classroom Role Preferences:* All parents are actively involved in the facilitation of classes at Vine and Branches. Please help us understand where you see yourself being most comfortable teaching.
(Please circle one)

- Lead teacher- Involved in creating a class and bringing an assistant up to speed to collaborate teaching with you.
- Co-teaching team member- Either working together to create a class or teaming up to facilitate a provided curriculum.

B. *Age Group Preferences:* Please list in order, first being most preferred, which age group you most would enjoy leading or say NP (No Preference, place me where most needed): Nursery, Pre-K, 5-7s, 8-10s, Secondary

C. *Class Content Preferences:* Please list in order, first being most preferred, which content you most would enjoy leading or say NP (No Preference, place me where most needed):

Art, Music, PE, Hands on History, Hands on Science

D. *Class Content Ideas You Would Teach:* Please list ideas of other types of classes you would enjoy leading:

E. *Class Content Ideas You Want Taught:* Please list ideas of other types of classes you would like offered but would not prefer to lead:

F. *Housekeeping Preferences:* Please list in order, first being most preferred, how you would enjoy serving on co-op days outside of classroom time or say NP (No Preference, place me where most needed):

Morning Set-up, Recess/Lunch Monitor, Music/Devotions, Hospitality/Food, Tear Down/Cleaning

G. *Extracurricular Preferences:* Please list in order, first being most preferred, how you would enjoy serving outside of co-op days or say NP (No Preference, place me where most needed):

Field Trips, Mom's Nights, Meet-ups, Archery Club, Administrative/Secretarial, Website

Once accepted someone from the Leadership Team will be in touch to further facilitate the process of adding you to our schedule and assigning your duties.

5. Family Affirmations

These first two statements pertain to documents that we care deeply about you reading. Please begin by thoroughly reviewing both of them and initialing next to them. Feel free to reach out if you have questions.

_____ My Family and I have read the Vine and Branches Statement of Faith and affirm and will support the Statement of Faith.

_____ My Family and I have read and will seek, by God's grace at work within us, to abide by Vine and Branches' Code of Honor while participating in group classes or activities.

Please closely review the remaining statements and affirm your agreement by signing below.

- We acknowledge that the intended purpose for Vine & Branches Homeschoolers is to create a community focused on upholding Biblical teaching. We affirm the goal of setting positive examples of Godly marriage and family life for the mutual benefit of spurring each other on toward Godliness.
- We affirm Biblical marriage to be between a man and a woman and confirm that we the undersigned are currently married. Not only that, but we also accept the above challenge to steward our children towards Godly character and participate in Vine and Branches Group for the purpose of growing in our walk with God together as a community.
- We agree to seek to promote unity within the group in words and actions and strive to avoid divisive talk or behavior.
- We also confirm that we are following PA State laws with respect to our children's education. We also agree to bring to Vine and Branches an attitude of respect for excellence in education and an open mind to the many ways families achieve this goal.
- If accepted to the group we agree that by signing below we are also giving permission for our family's personal information to be included in the group directory and for our email address to be added to the Vine and Branches email lists. We also agree to utilize the groups communication platform of choice to coordinate responsibilities and stay up to date with activities.

Signature of Husband _____

Signature of Wife _____

All serving parents are required to obtain and submit copies of the following clearances:

- PA Child Abuse
- Criminal Record Check
- FBI Fingerprinting (for anyone who hasn't lived in PA for 10 years in a row prior to now)

6. Schedule of Fees

Upon Application:

- ~~\$25 One time application fee payable to Vine & Branches Homeschoolers~~
- **Waived for summer 2023 applicants**

Upon Acceptance into Vine & Branches Homeschoolers:

- \$25 Annual CHALC Fee per family (includes liability insurance)
- \$150 Annual per family membership fee (still applies if joining only for Spring Semester)
- \$50 Annual Fee per child for Nursery – 12th graders (still applies if joining only for Spring Semester)
- Need-based scholarships may be available.
- Some classes may have additional lab or supply fees
- *Preschool Note: Due to available help, we have hired a preschool teacher for the coming year and there will be an additional fee for preschool children to cover the cost of the teacher. Please contact the leadership team for details.

DUE DATE FOR 2023/24 School Year: Applications are due June 30, 2023. Please submit your application via email to admin@vineandbrancheshslanco.org for instructions on payment of fee.

We will prayerfully review applications and look forward to responding to all interested families.

TBA: Parent Info Night at Dove Westgate Church in Ephrata & first co-op meeting date.

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General Participation and Liability Agreement

As evidenced by my signature below, I am testifying that:

- **Liability Release.** In consideration of permission to use the buildings, grounds and facilities of Dove Westgate Church (“Premises”), on behalf of myself and my children, including and heirs or assigns, I hereby agree to release Dove Westgate Church, any church officials, church members, Vine and Branches Homeschoolers Lancaster County, and any officers, directors or board members thereof (collectively “releasees”), from any and all claims, cause of action, suits or damages (including those arising out of the negligence of releasees) related to any personal injury, death, property damage, or loss which may arise on or as a result of using the Premises.
- It is also understood that each young person using the facilities and church has the permission of parent or guardian. We attest that we are the sole legal guardians of the above listed children and give our permission for them to participate under these stipulations.
- My spouse and I agree to waive any and all claims, actions or right of action, which I or my family may have against Vine and Branches Homeschoolers Lancaster County or any of its officers, board members, or guests which may arise from activities of any member or guest family of Vine and Branches Homeschoolers Lancaster County by reason of the purpose and nature of this corporation.
- **Field Trips & Assumption of Risk.** We understand that any field trips, events or activities that my family and/or I participate in that Vine and Branches Homeschoolers Lancaster County, or any of its teachers or volunteers, sponsors or coordinates, are provided as a courtesy. I am aware that I am responsible for my own safety and well-being and the safety and well-being of my children and/or those under my care while I am attending Vine and Branches. I understand that not all risks can be accounted for, and some events and circumstances which may occur are unpredictable. I am nevertheless assuming the risks of injury or death, known or unknown, which may occur as a result of my participation in this or any field trip.
- **General Release.** On behalf of myself and/or my children, including any heirs or assigns, I hereby agree to release Vine and Branches Homeschoolers Lancaster County and any of its officers, board members, teachers and volunteers related to any personal injury, death, property damage or loss (“Loss”) Which may arise out of any activities organized or recommended by Vine and Branches, including, but not limited to, any loss which may occur on or off the Vine and Branches Premises, including, but not limited to, any field trips.
- I am aware that failure to uphold any points of this agreement may result in a limitation or cessation of my participation in Vine and Branches classes or activities.

Both Signatures Required:

Husband’s Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Wife’s Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____