



Vine & Branches Homeschoolers

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA John 15:4-5

Co-op Application - 2022/2023

1. Family Info

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

2. Background Questions

(Please number the answers to these questions on a separate piece of 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 moms 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 below.

We currently love and encourage Dads to participate in parent meetings, field trips, or whole co-op events. However, we are not set up to navigate the complexity of adding in Dads on co-op days for Spring 2023. We will re-evaluate this policy for the Fall of 2023, as we desire to find a way for Dads to teach or assist, or even stay at home Dads to be able to participate fully on co-op days with their children.

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. We are a parent fueled co-operative and at this time we are not equipped to meet the needs of students that have learning and/or behavioral challenges. This means that children are expected to be able to participate with age appropriate behavior and attitudes. Please refer to our 3R's for further information on our vision for respect as a group. Please reach out to our Leadership Team with any questions.

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

Child #1 Full Name _____

Birthdate and age as of 9/1/22: _____ Approx. School Grade _____ Gender: M/ F

Child #2 Full Name _____

Birthdate and age as of 9/1/22: _____ Approx. School Grade _____ Gender: M/ F

Child #3 Full Name _____

Birthdate and age as of 9/1/22: _____ Approx. School Grade _____ Gender: M/ F

Child #4 Full Name _____

Birthdate and age as of 9/1/22: _____ Approx. School Grade _____ Gender: M/ F

Please list any other helpful information we should know about your children. Specifically any health issues such as 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 per hour 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

We are using a model where families work together to serve toward units of contribution to ensure balance for all in our co-operative. Member families are asked to serve in both Sections A and B outlined below. Our goal is that each parent will also have one flex period in the parents' room except when needed to substitute. We would also love to hear input from applicants about their strengths and preferences for serving.

A. Classroom Teaching/Facilitating or Assisting Units of Contribution

Our co-op classes are parent led. Our classes can be orchestrated in the following formats. Please rank your interest from 1st -4th from the following options.

- _____ Lead teacher responsible for facilitating class lessons
- _____ Team teacher (working to share lead teaching responsibilities with another parent)
- _____ Assistant to a lead teacher
- _____ Nursing Mothers/Infants room

B. Support Units of Contribution

Each member parent will also be assigned general support responsibilities. Expect to serve 30-45 minutes each week in these roles. Please rank your interest from 1st -3rd from the following options. If you do not have a preference simply initial by each option.

Support Outside of Class Periods

- _____ Morning Setup/Greeter *Prior to start of co-op*
- _____ Recess Monitor *After lunch*
- _____ Tear Down/Cleaning *After lunch or during a free period*

Once accepted 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 _____

6. Schedule of Fees

Upon Application:

- \$25 One time application fee payable to Vine & Branches Homeschoolers

Upon Acceptance into Vine & Branches Homeschoolers:

- \$25 Annual CHALC Fee per family payable to CHALC (includes liability insurance)
- \$110 Annual per family membership fee (still applies if joining only for Spring Semester)
- \$30 Annual per child for Preschool – 12th graders (still applies if joining only for Spring Semester)
- \$55 Annual per child for Nursery and Toddlers (no class fees)

Upon Class Selection:

- Elementary class fees will range from \$5 - \$50 per student
- Middle School and High School levels classes will have a broader cost range due to variation in books, preparations, optional grading and possible specialized teachers
- Fees will be determined by the teacher and Leadership Team
- Need-based scholarships may be available.

DUE DATE FOR Spring 2023: Application & fee are due ASAP as we are finalizing registrations for Spring. The last day to submit applications is December 31, 2022.

Please email admin@vineandbrancheshslanco.org to submit your application and arrange for application fee payment.

Please save the Date for January 11th for our Spring Parent Info night at Dove Westgate Church in Ephrata.

Thanks for taking time to send in your application to Vine & Branches!
We will be prayerfully reviewing applications and looking forward to responding to all interested families.

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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: _____