

***West Tennessee Home
Education Association***

2017 GRADUATION PACKET



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West Tennessee Home Education Association


A Christian organization dedicated to serving home educators

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Dear Graduating Senior,

Congratulations on making it to your final year of high school!! The staff of WTHEA recognizes the hard work you have put in over the years. So grab a cup of coffee, or some sweet tea, your calendar and a highlighter! And please take the time to read through this entire packet.

The 2017 Graduation Packet **fees include** the following items:

1. **Traditional Cap/Gown and Tassel**
- Keepsake Cap, Gown & Tassel from 
2. **Embossed padded diploma cover with THEA Graduation Certificate**
3. **Graduation Day Photographs** - Only one set per graduate. To order extra ceremony pictures you must fill out & submit the form on page 17 with payment by May 13, 2017.
2 - 5 x 7 (Group Senior Class) 2- 5 x 7's (Graduate Receiving Diploma)
2 - 5 x 7 (Graduation Cap Toss)
4. **Commencement Address and Master of Ceremonies**
5. **Graduation Ceremony & Class of 2017 Senior Memories Video** - Only one DVD per graduate. If you would like to order more DVDs submit the form on page 12 with payment before May 13, 2017.
6. **Graduation Rehearsal**
- Sound & Lighting Technicians - Facility Rental
7. **Miscellaneous Items**
- A rose for your mom - Special Awards -2 Bio Booklets - Pianist
-Honorarium - Postage -Decorations
8. **Facility Rental & Reception**
- Sound, Video & Lighting Technicians - Janitor Fees -Security
-Light Refreshments - Display Tables and Tablecloths
9. **Program Printing Costs**

Total Package Cost: **WTHEA Members \$250.00*** **Non-Members \$290.00***

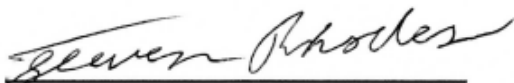
***Discount price of \$210.00 for Members or \$250.00 for Non-Members if you pay the total amount by March 6, 2017.**

The above package **does not** include the following items:

- Class Ring
- Invitations
- Senior Portraits

As one of the most significant milestones in the life of your graduate, our utmost desire is for this ceremony to be a time of honoring God, you as parents, and your seniors. If you have any questions after reading this graduation packet/handbook, please notify our Graduation Coordinator at graduation@wthea.org immediately. May the Lord richly bless you as you complete this school year. May He direct your path as you contemplate your future.

Sincerely,



Steven Rhodes, WTHEA President

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(Keep this page for future reference)

Important Dates & Deadlines

Remember to notify WTHEA immediately if your contact information changes.

NOVEMBER

November 1, 2016

Graduation Meeting - at Union University, in Harvey Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

\$100 Deposit Due (If choosing graduation payment plan)

November 15, 2016

Invitation Orders Due - Deposit is Required (Make Check Payable to Balfour)

NOTE: Ordering invitations from Balfour is optional - you may handle invitations as you see fit, but Balfour is the only option that can be accommodated through WTHEA.

FEBRUARY

February 1, 2017

WTHEA Outstanding Student Applications Due (Page 15-16)

February 28, 2017

Second payment due (\$100) (If using graduation payment plan)

Remember to pull pictures for Senior Memories Video

Invitation pick-up Location: TBA Time/Date: TBA
(Balance on invitations, if any, due at time of pick up)

MARCH

March 6, 2017

Mandatory Graduation meeting - At Union University in Harvey Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.

Graduates and Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Must Attend This Meeting.

Deadline for Early Registration (Full payment due for early registration discount)

Participation Request & Graduation Application Due (page 9 & 10-11)

Final payment due (if using graduation payment plan)

Cap & Gown Order form due ----->

Graduation Gown Fitting - Place/Time/Date: TBA

IMPORTANT!!
Cap & Gown will not be ordered without deposit or full payment

APRIL

April 13, 2017

Deadline for Late Registration in the WTHEA Graduation

Graduation Entertainment Form is Due (page 13)

Senior Memories Video Pictures Deadline (if we don't have your pictures by this date your graduate may possibly not be included in the *Class of 2017* video)

Senior Bio and Pictures Due (page 13)

(Late submissions may possibly not be included in the booklet).

Valedictorian / Salutatorian Eligibility Form Due (page 14)

Deadline to submit decorated graduation caps for approval. (page 8)

MAY

May 12, 2017

Graduation Rehearsal

May 13, 2017

Graduation Ceremony: Seniors to arrive by 11:45 a.m. completely ready for Pictures.



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(Keep this page for future reference)



The Main Events

Graduation Rehearsal

*Rehearsal is Mandatory for Seniors and Parent(s)/Legal Guardian
Anyone not attending the rehearsal will not be allowed to walk in the graduation.*

Love & Truth Church

565 Oil Well Rd.

Jackson, TN 38305

Friday, May 12, 2017

Time: 6:00 p.m.

WTHEA Graduation Ceremony

Love & Truth Church

565 Oil Well Rd.

Jackson, TN 38305

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Graduation Reception

Join us for cake and punch following the graduation.

Graduation Day Information

ALL SENIORS must be at the Church and checked in by **11:45 a.m.** You must be fully dressed and ready for class photo. This includes hair, shoes, and make-up. **Any seniors not following the dress code will not be permitted to walk.**

Any senior who is not at the church fully dressed and ready for the photos by 11:45 a.m. will not be in the group pictures.

PARENT(S) / LEGAL GUARDIANS: You will be presenting your graduate with his/her diploma on stage. Therefore, seats are **reserved** for **parent(s)/legal guardian** of graduating seniors **only**. If you have other children, grandparents, friends, and relatives coming to the graduation you will need to have them sit **behind** the reserved parent seating. They may want to come early to get a good seat!!!!

Ladies you may want to leave your purse with a family member.

At 12:45 p.m. Parent(s)/Legal Guardian need to be in their reserved seats and Graduates lined up in the specified area.


Graduation will start promptly at 1:00 p.m.

During all of our graduation events, please be respectful of Love & Truth Church property, and also confine your activities to the areas we are using. Please do not smoke on the property.

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(Keep this page for future reference)

Important Information

CAP & GOWN - The keepsake Cap, Gown & Tassels will be ordered from  **Gowns4Good** in March. We want to make sure the gowns fit your senior properly so after they arrive we will set a date for a gown fitting. Students may not wear a gown from a previous graduation. (Colors are Royal Blue with gold tassels.)

HONOR CHORDS & SASHES - Only honor chords earned through established and reputable programs are permitted in the WTHEA graduation. Parents must mail or email proof of said honor(s) to WTHEA at graduation@wthea.org or to the WTHEA address by April 13, 2017. Parents are responsible for the purchasing of honor chords for their graduate. If you wish to purchase honor chords from Gowns4Good this may be arranged through WTHEA. All orders for honor chords from Gowns4Good must be placed before March 10, 2017. Only the WTHEA Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Outstanding Students will wear sashes or stoles. For more information about these honors and eligibility see pages 14 and 15-16.

Gowns4Good offers a 20% discount and FREE shipping on orders over \$100 to WTHEA and its members. For more information about Gowns4Good go to www.gowns4good.org

PICTURES - The WTHEA Graduation fee covers ceremony photos of your graduate receiving their diploma, the group shot and cap toss (to order additional ceremony pictures see page 17). You will also have the opportunity to purchase after ceremony pictures.

If you are having difficulty getting your pictures scanned for the senior memories video Rhodes Photography can scan your photos & burn them to a disc for \$10. Rhodes Photography also does senior portraits.

For more information or if you would like to make an appointment, call Stephanie Rhodes at 731-300-2578.

INVITATIONS & CLASS RINGS - Checks should be made payable to: **Balfour** (www.balfour.com)

Invitations from Balfour start at \$1.25 each plus the cost of name cards (100 name cards \$26).

Balfour also offers custom made THEA home school class rings. If you have any questions about how to order or design a class ring you'll need to contact Leann at Balfour. To reach Leann call 901-759-0116.

NOTE: Ordering invitations from Balfour is optional - you may handle invitations as you see fit, but Balfour is the only option that can be accommodated through WTHEA.

Balfour orders should be mailed to WTHEA • P.O. Box 10013 • Jackson, TN. 38308 before Nov. 15, 2016.

GUESTS - Graduates may invite as many guests as they like. Parents, or persons presenting the graduate with their diploma, will be seated in a reserved area up front. Only persons presenting diplomas should be in the front-reserved seating - children should be seated with other family members in the audience. Seating for other guests is first-come, first-serve. We ask that you not use program booklets to reserve seats.

GRADUATE DISPLAYS - Graduates are given half of a six foot table to display special moments and achievements in their life. Displays are generally a tri-fold display board with pictures and information about the graduate. Past displays have also included sports teams, trophies, art portfolios, church youth events, quilts or other crafts made by the graduate, 4-H projects, etc.

CEREMONY ETIQUETTE - Clapping and cheering is acceptable, however noisemakers such as cow bells and air horns are not allowed.

CHECKS (and where to send them)

Graduation money and forms should be mailed to: WTHEA • P.O. Box 10013 • Jackson, TN. 38308

- For Graduation fees - make payable to: WTHEA
- For Invitations - make payable to: Balfour

Please note on all checks:

Graduate's name and how check should be applied (i.e. deposit, first payment, paid in full, etc.)

DO NOT send money or make checks payable to Holly Rhodes, Gateway Christian Schools, or Homelife Academy

Questions and correspondence should be directed to WTHEA • P.O. Box 10013 • Jackson, TN. 38308 • 731-784-8117

Or email info@wthea.org or to the coordinator, Holly Rhodes, at: Graduation@WTHEA.org.

Your phone calls and questions will be answered as soon as possible. Please allow a few days for reply.

Graduation Dress Code

(Keep this page for future reference)



Graduation Day:

CAPS/GOWNS

Write your name in your cap.

Robes will need *light* pressing (Steam).

GRADUATION TASSELS - are provided by WTHERA and must be worn during the pictures & graduation ceremony. Graduates are not allowed to switch tassels or wear more than one tassel.

Tassels hang on the right side, move the tassel to the left after the diploma is presented.

HONOR CHORDS - Only honor chords earned through established and reputable programs are permitted in the WTHERA graduation. Parents must mail or email proof of said honor(s) to WTHERA at graduation@wthea.org or to the WTHERA address by April 13, 2017.

SASHES - Only the WTHERA Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Outstanding Students will wear sashes or stoles. For more information and rules of eligibility see pages 14 and 15-16.

Guys, remove caps during prayer.

LADIES:

White or light colored necklines.

The length of your dress cannot exceed the length of the graduation gown.

Must wear black, brown or navy dress shoes, preferably, closed-toe.

No flip-flops (nor sandals resembling flip-flops), tennis shoes or other type of footwear will be allowed.

GENTLEMEN:

White shirts with ties to be worn under the graduation gown (no bow ties)

Dark pants (black, brown, or navy)

Must wear dark dress shoes or nice boots (black, brown or navy)

No flip-flops (nor sandals resembling flip-flops), tennis shoes or other type of footwear will be allowed.

**SUNGLASSES ARE NOT TO BE WORN DURING ANY PART OF THE GRADUATION CEREMONY,
NO CHEWING GUM, AND PLEASE TURN CELL PHONES OFF OR GIVE TO YOUR PARENTS.**

We reserve the right to deny participation to any seniors who choose not to comply with these codes on the day of graduation—with no refund of fees.

Rules For Decorating Your Graduation Cap

(Keep this page for future reference)

Graduates are allowed to decorate their caps however decorations must:

1. lay flat on the cap
2. not extend beyond the brim or hang off the cap
3. not be visible from the front.
4. not contain any inappropriate images and/or language.

Inappropriate language and/or images such as misuse of the name of God, any and all witches, witchcraft, wizards, sorcery, vampires, zombies, werewolves and other shape shifting creatures, inappropriate body parts, drinking and/or drugs, disturbing images, or symbols of hate. This includes quotes from books, movies and other media containing any of the above mentioned.

EXAMPLE:



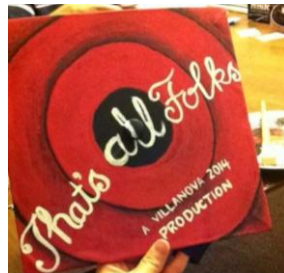
No. Decorations cannot extend beyond the brim.



Yes. Decoration lays flat & is not visible from the front.



No. Witchcraft, Wizards or Sorcery.



Yes



No. Decoration cannot hang off the cap or be visible from the front.



Yes



No. Decorations must lay flat on the cap.



No. Decorations cannot be visible from the front.



Yes



No. Drinking or drug references and/or images.



No. Disturbing images or symbols



No. Decorations cannot be visible from front.

To submit your cap for approval email three pictures of the cap to the graduation coordinator at graduation@wthea.org

1. Graduate wearing the cap portrait view (front).
2. Graduate wearing the cap rear view
3. Picture of the decorations from above. (As seen in the pictures above)

IMPORTANT

All decorated caps must be pre-approved by the board before April 13, 2017.

After a cap is approved you may not make ANY alterations without prior approval.

If your cap is not approved by the board a new one must be purchased to replace it.

If graduate arrives with a cap that has not been pre-approved they will not walk.

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN WTHERA GRADUATION

This letter is a formal request asking to participate in WTHERA's Graduation and related activities for the Graduation Class of 2017. Based upon statements clarified in the WTHERA Graduation Information, the approval is contingent upon acceptance and adherence to the following conditions:

1. Fully paid graduation fees.
2. Full cooperation with the graduation coordinator and participation in all parent/graduate related responsibilities as outlined in this packet.
3. Full adherence with graduation rules and regulations as outlined in this packet.

WTHERA produces the Graduation Ceremony as a celebration for West Tennessee Home School students and families for the culmination of their years of hard work through the elementary and high school years. We strive to make sure the experience is a positive one for all of its participating families and students.

WTHERA reserves the right to deny participation immediately or during a WTHERA Graduation and/or related activity, including forfeiture of all fees, for failure to adhere to the conditions of approval enumerated above. These conditions also apply to any member of the graduate's family/friends.

We look forward to having your senior participate in the Graduation Ceremony and related activities.

Sincerely,

Steven Rhodes
President

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS FOR PARTICIPATION

Parents/ Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

WTHEA GRADUATION APPLICATION (Page 1)

(Mail completed form and \$100 deposit or full payment to WTHEA with all other requested forms.)

Graduate's Full Name: _____ Male/Female
(As you want it to appear in the program.) Circle one.

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Graduates Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Parent(s) /Legal Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #'s: Mom: (Home): _____ (Cell): _____ E-mail: _____

Dad: (Work): _____ (Cell): _____ E-mail: _____

Graduates Parents are: Married Divorced
Circle the one that applies

Year family began homeschooling: _____ **Years graduate has been homeschooled:** _____

Name of umbrella/cover School: _____

(Please include a **contact person** and **phone number** if your cover school is NOT Gateway or Homelife Academy)

Contacts Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Are you a member of WTHEA or a THEA chapter: Yes NO

Name of the Person(s) presenting the diploma and their relation to the Graduate:

Name: _____ Relation: _____

Please notify the graduation coordinator if your senior has special needs such as a physical handicap or mental disability.

Seniors Gown Size _____ Please measure from the top of the graduates head to the floor and add their heel size. We can measure your senior at the March meeting. The senior must bring the shoes they will be wearing during the graduation ceremony.

Honors Earned by Graduate: _____
(This only applies if the graduate will be wearing honor chords)

Name of the Organization/School: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

**There are no refunds after March 10, 2017!
The \$100 deposit is non-refundable.**

WTHEA GRADUATION APPLICATION (Page 2)

“Many hands make light work” A graduation ceremony is a big event and we need the help of volunteers to bring it all together. Most of these volunteer positions only take a little bit of time to complete.

I would like to:

- Assemble the Graduation Booklet:** The booklet contains the ceremony program, list of graduates, senior bios & pictures, honors, awards, Outstanding Students and special thanks. The booklet will have to be converted to a PDF file before sending to the printer. Majority of the content is written for you.
- Proof Reader:** Someone to proof read the program booklet.
- Put together the Class of 2017 Senior Memories Video:** This is basically a slideshow with background music. (Music must be pre-approved by the board)
- Be on the Decoration Committee:** Decoration committee will help plan and create decorations.
- Decorations and Set-up Crew:** Will help put up decorations and signs after rehearsal.
- Stage hands:** These volunteers can be younger siblings of the seniors. We need one or two volunteers to move microphone stands out the cameras view after the performances are over. (This job takes about 90 seconds.)
- Help with the Walk through:** After the graduation ceremony we do a quick walk through of the sanctuary to check for lost items. After the walk through we will close up the sanctuary.
- Clean Up:** After the graduation we will need to take down the signs and decorations and load them into the designated vehicles.

Parents,

WTHEA is not responsible for your graduate's diploma; this is a matter between you and your umbrella/cover school. You will need to make sure that all of your student's records are in order with your school at least 7 weeks in advance for you to have the diploma by graduation. Check with your school for exact time frame needed.

By signing below, I agree that both I and my student will abide by all aspects of the guidelines, dress code and requirement terms for participation in the 2017 WTHEA Graduation. I understand that failure to comply with the guidelines and requirement terms will result in termination from the WTHEA Graduation Ceremony. I understand my student's high school diploma is between me and the umbrella school that I am registered with.

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

TOTAL GRADUATION FEE: Members \$250 Non-Members \$290

Upon registering for graduation, a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required, with the balance due by March 6, 2017 to receive the early discount. Mail the completed forms along with your payment of **\$210 for WTHEA Members and \$250 Non-Members** to the WTHEA address below before March 6, 2017. Make checks payable to WTHEA Graduation.

PAYMENT PLAN: \$100 deposit due November 1st, 2016. Second payment (\$100) due February 28th, 2017 Final payment due March 6th, 2017. Any payments made after March 6th must include \$40 late fee.

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY ALL BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN FULL. DEADLINE TO RECEIVE REFUND IF NOT PARTICIPATING IS MARCH 10th.

NOTE: Due to printing deadlines, seniors applying for graduation after April 13th might not get their name in the program or be in the Class of 2017 Senior Memories Video.

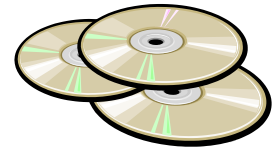
Mail ALL forms to: WTHEA, P.O. Box 10013 • Jackson, TN 38308

For Office Use Only

Date Received: _____ **Cash:** _____ **Check #:** _____ **Amount:** _____



Graduation Ceremony DVDs



Each graduate receives one graduation day photo package and 1 DVD of the ceremony. Photographs and the DVD will be **mailed to you**. The following need only be filled out if the address is different from the above or if you want to order additional DVDs. Additional DVDs are \$10 each and must be paid for with the graduation fees.

PLEASE ALLOW 8-12 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Number of DVD's needed _____ @ \$10 Total: _____.

"Your schooling may be over, but remember that your education still continues." ... Author unknown



Class of 2017 Senior Memories Video

Pull these pictures NOW

Please, please do not wait until April to do this!!!!

To highlight the graduating seniors with WTHERA in May, there will be a senior memories video made which will be shown during the graduation.

Four pictures are needed for each graduate:

1 senior, 1 baby/youth, and 2 random pictures that represent who they are/what they do.

*** All pictures should be EMAILED in **jpeg** format (scan as a photo) to graduation@WTHERA.org

Remember this is going on a big screen so the higher the resolution the better.

*** **Subject line:** please type: **Video/graduates last name** (example: **Video / Smith**)

*** In the email **please include:** **graduate's full name** as you would like it for the graduation and the **parent's names** as you want them for graduation. (Example: **James Carter Smith, son of Mark and Carol Smith**)

A great schedule would be:

Jan. 30, 2016: Have all 4 pictures together

Feb. 15, 2016: Scan and send pictures

Feb. 25, 2016: Breathe a sigh of relief. You are ahead of schedule and one more item is checked off the to-do list

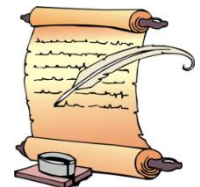
Deadline to submit your pictures is **Thursday, April 13th, 2017**. The videographer must have time to get them into a video. **Please, please plan to send pictures any time now but at least well before the night of the deadline.** If you have never scanned and sent photos, it takes a bit of time.

If you are unable to scan your pictures contact *Rhodes Photography* for \$10 they can scan the pictures for you and burn to a disc. For more information or if you would like to make an appointment call Stephanie Rhodes at 731-300-2578.



Senior Bios

*** Due April 13th, 2017 ***



Graduate's Full Name: _____

(As you want it to appear in the program)

Male / Female

(Circle one)

Write a **brief** essay with the following information:

1. Plans after graduation (i.e. college, etc.)
2. Any scholarships received for college
3. Member of any significant organizations
4. Volunteer work
5. Awards received in high school (i.e. Eagle Scout, Essay Awards, etc.)
6. And a short biography

Email to:
Graduation@WTHEA.org
Subject line: Senior Bio

Please be selective with information; essay may be edited to conserve space as needed. It is much better for the student to decide what will be included. Also please e-mail a high quality picture that has not been cropped in any form for the booklet along with the essay. We realize writing an essay about you senior can be difficult so we have included some sample senior bios on page 18. We hope they will be of some help.

Additional Bio-Booklet Order Form

(2 complimentary booklets included in Graduation cost)

# of extra booklets _____	Graduate Name: _____	Date: _____
\$2.00 each = _____	PMT Method: CASH / CHECK / MO	
Total _____	Office Use Only: #: _____	Date: _____ Amount: _____

WTHEA Graduation Entertainment



During the WTHEA Graduation Ceremony, we like to showcase the talents of our graduates. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful tradition then fill out the following form and mail it to WTHEA. For performances of music or speeches, please record your selection on a CD/DVD and mail to WTHEA with a hard copy of the lyrics or speech and the form below.



Graduation Entertainment

Form due by April 13, 2017

Applications are now being accepted from seniors who wish to share their talent at the WTHEA Graduation Ceremony. (Graduation performers will be limited to 3-4 minutes.)

Please fill in the following information and mail to: WTHEA P.O. Box 10013 • Jackson, TN 38308

Senior Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Performance Type: _____

Title and/or Description of Performance: _____



Valedictorian/Salutatorian Eligibility

ACT Score Request Form Due April 13th, 2017



Only seniors of WTHERA members are eligible for the WTHERA Valedictorian and Salutatorian Honors
 Due to the Privacy Act, WTHERA cannot access your student's ACT/SAT scores. If you would like for your student to be eligible for the WTHERA Valedictorian or Salutatorian Honor, you must mail us the form below along with a **copy** of supporting documentation of scores.

Please mail to: **WTHERA, P.O. Box 10013 • Jackson, TN 38088**

If both ACT and SAT scores are submitted, eligibility for the Valedictorian or Salutatorian Honor will be based on the ACT. SAT will be used if it is the only score submitted.

Student Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ 2nd Phone: _____

SAT SCORES

1 st Set of Highest Scores From the Same Test Date: (Please Figure Composite)	
Subject:	Scores:
Verbal	_____
Mathematics	_____
Composite (Average)	_____

2 nd Set of Highest Scores From the Same Test Date: (Please Figure Composite)	
Subject:	Scores:
Verbal	_____
Mathematics	_____
Composite (Average)	_____

ACT SCORES

1 st Set of Highest Scores From the Same Test Date: (Do not tally scores)	
Subject:	Scores:
English	_____
Mathematics	_____
Reading	_____
Science	_____
Composite (Average)	_____

2 nd Set of Highest Scores From the Same Test Date: (Do not tally scores)	
Subject:	Scores:
English	_____
Mathematics	_____
Reading	_____
Science	_____
Composite (Average)	_____



WTHEA's 2017 Outstanding Student of the Year Application (page 1)



Every year West Tennessee Home Education Association honors an 11th or 12th grader as an outstanding student who exemplifies excellence not only in academics but also in other areas such as character, music, art, speech & debate, community service and so on.

A student is selected from WTHEA members who submit written applications to a committee. This student will represent home schooling excellence in West Tennessee at the Tennessee Home Education Association's (THEA) *Capitol Hill & Rally Day* at our state capitol in Nashville. This is a day when home schoolers from all over state gather together to meet with their representatives and legislators and to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy.

Application MUST include a 6 Mega Pixel picture of Student.

Students Full Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Grade:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Cell #:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

County of Residence: _____ **Students GPA:** _____ **SAT Score:** _____ **ACT Score:** _____

Umbrella/Cover School: _____

(Please include a contact person and phone number if your cover school is NOT Gateway or Homelife Academy)

Contacts Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Tutorial Attended: Yes No **Tutorial Name:** _____ **Phone #:** _____

Parent(s) First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone #: _____ **Fathers Cell #:** _____ **Mothers Cell #:** _____

Work Phone #: _____ **Parents E-mail:** _____

Student's High School Accomplishments.

Extracurricular: Please list any leadership roles and any individual recognition received. List all school, church, service activities in which student has participated (use additional page if necessary):

Service: Please list any service you have rendered in the last four years: _____



Ministry & Community Service Involvement & Experience: _____

Student's Character Qualities which commend him/her as an Outstanding Student: _____

Post-high school plans: (ex: college, vo-tech, apprenticeship): _____

Students Hobbies: _____

If selected as one of the WTHEA Outstanding Student, will you be able to be present, to be recognized and to receive your Outstanding Student Certificate on the War Memorial Auditorium stage during the Rally Day program?

Yes, we will arrive at this time: _____ No, we cannot attend the Rally: _____

Parents, on a separate sheet, please write up your Student's bio in a paragraph form.

Applications for Outstanding Student may be submitted by mail to the WTHEA address below or by email to outstandingstudent@wthea.org. All submissions must include a 6 mega pixel picture of the student.

To Submit Application by Mail: Complete the application forms, plus student bio in paragraph form and mail to WTHEA along with a disc containing picture of your student and a letter of recommendation, which can be brief.

To Submit Application by E-mail: E-mail the completed the Application Forms, your student's picture and bio to WTHEA with *Outstanding Student Application Form & Picture* in the Subject Line. Also, one letter of recommendation which can be brief with *Outstanding Student Recommendation* in the Subject Line. These can be submitted in one email or separately.

Letters of Recommendation could be from: a Teacher/Tutor (for an academic subject, music, Speech & Debate or sports coach), your THEA Chapter Area Coordinator, a Mentor, your Church Pastor, Sunday School Teacher, Employer or other Personal Contact other than a family member or relative



Graduation Ceremony Pictures

Each graduate receives one graduation ceremony photo package. If you would like to purchase additional pictures of the graduation ceremony fill out the form below and mail to WTHEA or give it to the photographer either before or immediately following the graduation ceremony.

Discount prices below expire after May 13, 2017.

Additional Ceremony Portraits Order Form

There is no minimum to purchase ceremony photographs only.

Graduate's Name: _____ Recipient's Name: _____
 (Please Print)
 Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____ E-mail: _____

#	Print Size	Reg. Price each	Sale	Price
	<u>8x10</u>	\$35.00	<u>1/\$17.00</u>	<u>2/\$30.00</u>
	<u>5x7</u>	\$25.00	<u>1/\$12.00</u>	<u>2/\$20.00</u>
	<u>4x6</u>	\$15.00	<u>1/\$7.00</u>	<u>2/\$12.00</u>
	<u>Wallets</u>	\$25.00	<u>8/\$ 12.00</u>	<u>16/\$20.00</u>

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After Ceremony Portraits Order Form

You can choose any pose with any number persons in the pose you choose. **There is minimum purchase of \$20.00 per pose required.** You may choose any combination of sizes you like. This is for the **after ceremony portraits only**. Prices are listed below are only for the time during the graduation. **Shipping and Handling is \$5.00.**

Graduate's Name: _____ Recipient's Name: _____
 (Please Print)
 Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____ 2nd Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

#	Print Size	Reg. Price each	Sale	Price
	<u>8x10</u>	\$35.00	<u>1/\$17.00</u>	<u>2/\$30.00</u>
	<u>5x7</u>	\$25.00	<u>1/\$12.00</u>	<u>2/\$20.00</u>
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Photographers Use Only

Cash: _____ Check: _____ Amount: \$ _____ Image No. _____

Notes: _____



Senior Bio Samples

We realize writing an essay about you senior can be difficult so we have included few sample bios. We hope they are of some help.

Example 1:

Austin was born June 12, 1997, and born-again July 10, 2012. He is a faithful member of Calvary Ind. Baptist Church. Austin loves music and has been singing with Goodly Heritage Trio since age 11. He has taken an active role in outreach ministries and volunteer work, including The Salvation Army, nursing homes, youth camps, and VBS programs. Austin is employed at Taylor Brothers Pharmacy as a Pharmacy Technician. He has been enrolled in Gateway Christian School's Total Home Education Program and plans to attend Dyersburg State Community College in the fall of 2015. He is a recipient of the TN Hope Scholarship and the TN Promise Program. Austin is thankful for his parents' dedication and involvement in his education, and seeks the Lord's will and guidance for his future.

Example 2:

Alexander was born in the Eastern European country of Slovakia in 1996. He moved to the capital city of Bratislava with his missionary parents, Mark and Dana, on his first birthday. He is blessed with an older sister, Beata. Alex became an American citizen in 2005 and he placed his citizenship in heaven by being baptized into Christ on February 14, 2007. He loves being outdoors and operates his own lawn care service. His hobbies include riding his dirt bike, horseback riding, playing the guitar and the piano. Alex is an active member of the Estes church of Christ and a willing servant, often leading youth group activities and worship services at the area nursing homes/senior centers. He has won various leadership awards while attending Mid-south Youth Camp, FHU's ArtQuest camp, Horizons camp for young Christian leaders and the Middle TN Future Minister's Camp. Alex plans to attend Freed-Hardeman University and major in Bible with an emphasis in Missions. He hopes to continue to spread the Good News all over the world.

Example 3:

John E. (Jack) Laughlin was born on June 2, 1998 in Winter Park, FL to Jim & Katie Laughlin. He is the youngest of five, with one brother and three sisters. The family moved to Humboldt, TN in 1999, where Jack later attended Humboldt schools until coming home to school in 5th grade.

Jack is an avid musician and plays both drums and guitar. He especially enjoys his leadership role in the youth worship band at FBC Humboldt. He is heavily involved in church activities, including mission groups, youth worship band, and Sunday and Wednesday Bible study groups. He spends some of his free time instructing other teens on the drums.

Upon graduation, Jack plans to pursue his interest in the field of music.

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Example 4:

John Daniel Moore (17), lifelong resident of Ripley, TN, is the son of Jimmy Don and Meschell Moore. In addition to being homeschooled, he studied Computer Information Technology at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology-Ripley. Under the instruction of Bill Kelly, JD has performed seven years in the National Auditions in Piano Guild. In 2014, he advanced to the National Fine Arts Competition of the Assemblies of God for Piano Solo. He is currently serving as pianist at Halls First United Methodist Church. JD served as President of the Haywood County 4-H club one term. He attended 4-H Electric Camp and 4-H Congress. He competed in meat judging and 4-H GIS, which came in 2nd place in the TN State GIS contest. On July 31, 2012, he received the distinguished award of Gold Medal of Achievement in the Royal Rangers of the Assemblies of God. JD has served as the TN Skills USA Parliamentarian for 2014-2015. He has received leadership training at various institutes, traveling as far as Washington D.C. Beginning this fall, JD will be studying for an Associate of Applied Science - Software Application degree at Dyersburg State Community College. His dream is to develop his own operating system.

Example 5:

Jada was born in Staten Island, NY to Joe and Charisse Kyle. She is the 2nd oldest of five children and has been homeschooled since the 3rd grade. Jada enjoys the performing arts. In 2010 she performed in the Jackson Teen Theatre's production of Hello Dolly as a chorus member and was cast as Coco in their production of Fame. In the summer of 2013, she attended the National Student Leadership Conference for Theatre in which she was chosen as the costume designer for their production The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet which helped her team win NSLC's "Outstanding Costume" Award. Jada has been a student at Pat Brown's School of Dancing for the past 4 years studying Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Modern and Acrobatics. In the 2012 production of The Nutcracker, she performed as a dancing parent. She started playing tennis at the age of eight and has competed in USTA Jr. Tournaments achieving a top state ranking. Along with theatre and dance, Jada enjoys traveling, cooking, singing and listening to J-Pop and K-Pop. She enjoys Broadway shows such as Memphis: The Musical, Matilda, Peter and The Starcatcher, and Newsies. She is currently learning Japanese and hopes to learn Korean as well as several other languages. Although Jada is undecided on where she wants to attend college she hopes to pursue a career in the performing arts

2016 – 2017 WTHEA Membership Registration

Name of Parent(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Second Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Number of years you have homeschooled: _____

Ages of your children _____

(Please circle children you are teaching)

Name of Cover School and/or School District for your student(s): _____

Are you a member of a: Support Group Co-Op? **(Please circle one)**

Name of group: _____ County: _____

Are you a new or returning member? _____

HSLDA Member? YES NO

Member of another THEA Chapter? YES NO

(Please renew with WTHEA next year)

Please mail completed form along with your Check for \$25.00 to:

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