

The ABCs of the Alberta Home Education Association



Your education journey



AHEA
Alberta Home Education
Association

Thank you for joining AHEA in the home education world! Our founders were very determined to ensure that home education was respected in our province. We proudly continue this great tradition of advocacy, as the interests of the growing home education community deserve representation to the government on your behalf. Critical as that is, it is not all we do. Let's talk about the ABCs of AHEA!


AHEA – Working for YOU!

Advocating for Home Education,
Based on our Christian Faith,
Creating an Informed Community.

Parents are what created and drive AHEA. We exist to represent your interests, as parents, for we are stronger together, speaking with one voice. Early lessons taught us that and they have not been forgotten. AHEA was created in 1986 by the Home School Christian Fellowship in Edmonton, and grew by leaps and bounds, taking important steps to make home education more accessible and acceptable. AHEA went on to establish HSLDA Canada (Home School Legal Defense Association) to further its work in defending the rights of home education. Alberta has an exemplary history of home educator efforts which can be reviewed in our booklet, *Striving for Educational Freedom in Alberta: AHEA and the Vital Effort to Defend Parental Rights*, available for purchase on our [website](http://www.aheonline.com/store).¹

As our names implies, Albertan home educators are who we represent, since education is an exclusive power of provincial legislatures. Since Canada's federal government is not responsible for education, interacting with the provincial government is our privilege and responsibility. AHEA's continued commitment to the Christian community of home educators, and what we associate around is plain from our foundations. Clarity of perspective keeps our work and purpose focused. As Christians, AHEA members affirm and believe that God has given parents their children as a gift, and there are rights and responsibilities that come along with that privilege. Our desire is to maintain and model an ongoing awareness and expression of these foundational principles.

¹ www.aheonline.com/store



With the largest home education convention in Canada, AHEA presents keynote speakers that challenge and encourage, offers opportunities to connect with people across the province, and provides a hands-on experience with access to exhibitors who offer curriculum, helps and post-secondary admission information. It's great to see thousands of home educators gathering to learn and celebrate our uniqueness together... and the shopping! Our annual Convention and our publications are just two ways that we demonstrate our love for the community. They are a must to stay connected and informed throughout the year, as well as subscribing to our [AHEA blog](#)² and our [AHEA Political Update blog](#).³

AHEA counts it a pleasure to continually educate the public and interested groups about what we do. Learning the ropes, the unique 'language' of home education that come along with the community, and clarifying the legal requirements are a little bit of what we do. We are always eager to respond to opportunities to speak about our favorite topic, be it to a family or the press. You can find us interacting with parent support groups across the province, independent (private) schools or associate private boards as well as the government. Our commitment to broadening the understanding and support of home education is ongoing. You can contact us [here](#).⁴

Your support for AHEA ensures that you have someone speaking for you and looking out for your interests. The difference we make at the negotiation table directly affects what you can or cannot do as a home educator, so **our success is your success and your concerns are our concerns**. Our Board is made up of parent volunteers, who work on your behalf to manage this long-standing institution. Even when you have graduated your last child, we work to ensure your grandchildren can be home educated too. It's a way of life, a sacrifice and a passion. *We get it because we do it too... for our kids and for our families.*

AHEA is YOU!!

AHEA is a not-for-profit organization that greatly appreciates donations to support its efforts on your behalf, which can be made [here](#).⁵ We rely on your ongoing support financially and through volunteering. Additional information can be found on our website about our history, Board and opportunities to volunteer, as well as membership, our governing documents and lots of information on home education. Look for other booklets in our *ABCs series* for topics of interest to you on your journey!

² www.aheonline.com/blog

³ www.aheonline.com/political-updates

⁴ www.aheonline.com/contact-us

⁵ www.aheonline.com/donate



AHEA is a parent-driven provincial organization that proudly represents the interests of home education families, serving this community since 1986. We have a wealth of experience and relationships that we utilize in our efforts. We advocate, educate, connect and communicate to the public, government, interested parties and home educators old and new. AHEA is YOU!!

- A Voice for Albertan Home Educators
- A Home Education Support Resource
- An Amazing Annual Convention

For more information, see AHEAonline.com

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