

Membership Sign Up Form

<input type="checkbox"/> Club Fees		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> County Fees		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> State Fees		\$
<input type="checkbox"/> District Fees		\$

Subtotal: _____

Total: _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

P.O. Box / Apartment Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Fax _____

Email Address _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check Cash Other _____

Membership Responsibilities

FAHCE club membership carries with it certain privileges and responsibilities. Members attend club meetings and participate in programs within the community. Dues are paid annually and include membership in the club, district, and state level. **Membership dues** are generally determined by the HCE club or council. Additional fund raising programs and special activities help furnish financial resources needed for local projects and programs.

Clubs encourage members to aspire to leadership and committee roles within their local organization. Member participation in local activities and FAHCE state projects is fundamental and vital to the continued existence of the organization.

Florida Association For Home & Community Education (FAHCE)

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

FAHCE functions without regard to race, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin.

FAHCE MEMBERSHIP



FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR HOME & COMMUNITY EDUCATION (FAHCE)

*In Cooperation with
The University of Florida
Florida Cooperative Extension Service*

FAHCE Mission

The Florida Association for Home and Community Education is an outreach organization whose mission is:

- *to strengthen families* through programs of community leadership and continuing education;
- *to empower citizens* to actively participate in public decision making regarding issues that concern children and families; and
- *to promote the effectiveness of volunteer action and support.*

Times change, but the needs of people remain the same. The strength of the Florida Association for Home and Community Education is the commitment of its membership in caring for and sharing with others.

Grow with FAHCE

FAHCE members have the opportunity to meet new friends, develop leadership skills, learn about legislative issues, and have an impact on — local, state and national humanitarian issues. Participation in group decision making allows the member to have a voice in effecting change within the community.

Through FAHCE's service programs, a club can have a significant effect on the quality of life in its community. FAHCE programs offer opportunities to form partnerships that help people in need, worldwide. Our national affiliation with worldwide organizations allows us to make valuable contributions to the quality of life and reach millions of members in countries around the globe.



FAHCE Programs

FAHCE Programs focus on family and community issues and include many areas of local, state and national concerns. FAHCE members provide opportunities for individuals, families and communities to join in improving literacy for adults and children, practicing environmental stewardship, promoting health and nutrition, and role modeling ethical values. Some general areas that are the main focal point of programming include:

Children

to work with families, educators and public officials to improve child care, health, nutrition and safety in the home, community and nationwide.

Television and Media

to increase public awareness about the concern of children's television and increase the demand for educational and informational programming, by supporting and promoting existing quality programs. And to prompt, encourage and support the use of television as an educational tool to enhance a child's readiness to learn.

Environment

to increase the knowledge and efforts of individuals, families and communities to understand the importance of establishing daily habits to preserve our environment by recycling. And to educate about the use of water, land and air quality practices, as well as, hazardous waste information.

Global

to work with people throughout the world to promote international peace, friendship, acceptance and knowledge through programs such as Pennies for Friendship, The Nutrition Education Fund and ACWW Scholarships.

Literacy

to help adults, youth, and children fulfill their potential by achieving functional literacy in everyday life situations, including literacy in family issues, public policy issues, consumer awareness and organizational literacy.

Special Projects

chosen by each club or council pertaining to the need of our communities.

History



FAHCE

is a state affiliate of the
Country Women Council USA (CWC).

The Florida Association for Home and Community Education (FAHCE) has been a strong voice in promoting a healthier and better life for individuals, families and communities. Building on the strength of the family as the center of a strong citizenry, FAHCE has a rich history of accomplishments.

Assembling In Washington, D.C. in 1936, a determined group of rural farm women had a vision...to strengthen adult education, to share their good sense and experience for improvement of home and community life, and to initiate and promote projects of national importance for the protection of the American family. That vision became the mission of the organization.

Early efforts were focused on support for school lunch programs, development of local public health services, immunization programs for children, implementation of first bookmobiles, and safety programs. Recent efforts resulted in the establishment of the content-based television programming system for children and families.

Keeping Pace with the evolving needs of society, FAHCE focuses today on three major concerns of continuing education, developing leadership and community action.

Benefits of FAHCE Membership

Recognition as a member of FAHCE provides the individual with the ability to interact with the friends and neighbors; advance knowledge, skills and talents by participating in educational programs; develop leadership experience and directly impact family issues at the grassroots level of the community, by taking initiative in public policy actions. Together with FAHCE you can affect change within the community — ultimately having an impact on — local, state and national humanitarian issues.

Opportunity to:

- *Network with local, community organizations and agencies by attending conferences and meetings.*
- *Continuing Education: Provides curriculum for members to help adults, youth and children to fulfill their interests and potential.*
- *Develop Leadership Skills: Provides training for emerging leaders and opportunities to practice techniques to develop confidence for leadership positions. Home Community Leadership (HCL) is the certified leadership development program which enables citizens to better understand and influence public issues and public policy relating to families and communities. It provides a structure to learn leadership skills and offers opportunities to practice these skills, developing confidence in leadership positions.*
- *Receive awards and formal recognition for FAHCE programs.*
- *FAHCE members are friends, neighbors, family members and colleagues who take an active role in volunteering in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. These individuals belong to a local club which is made up of a diverse group of individuals from the community which the club serves. The club convenes on a monthly basis to share talents, develop skills and gain knowledge, from an educational program presented by club leaders.*

Member Resources:

- *Receive The FAHCE Outreach Newsletter, a statewide publication and educational notebooks, videos and other resources including the State Handbook which contains resourceful information and valuable contacts.*
- *Access to FAHCE Website, which promotes programs and projects of the state, district and local affiliates.*
- *Recognition:*
- *Earn Certificates and Awards of recognition for achievements in FAHCE programs.*
- *Wear Emblematic Jewelry proudly representing your membership and accomplishments.*



FAHCE Structure & Membership Affiliations

The Florida Association for Home and Community Education (FAHCE), is a state organization, comprised of clubs organized by counties and districts.

FAHCE is affiliated with the Country Woman's Council (CWC) comprised of representatives from many organizations.

The CWC links FAHCE to the Associated County Women of the World (ACWW) - which has consultative status at the United Nations.

ACWW has over 9 million members and links over 60 countries, states and provinces. ACWW's purpose is to raise the standard of living for women and their families through educational programs, community development projects and promoting equal opportunities.

FAHCE Clubs are networked with the Cooperative Extension Service through the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Florida Cooperative Extension Services, head-quartered in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at the University of Florida in Gainesville.