

T.E.A.C.H. GRADUATION 2018

Tidewater Educators Association for Christian Homeschooling

209 St. Brides Rd. E., Chesapeake, Va. 23322

Dear Homeschool Graduate of the Class of 2018,

CONGRATULATIONS! To commemorate your achievement, this year's graduation will be held on:

Saturday, June 2nd, 2018, 10:00am-1pm. at River Oak Church, 255 Great Bridge Blvd. Chesapeake, Va. 23320.

THE CEREMONY:

If you are not familiar with T.E.A.C.H.'s Graduation Ceremony, it can be quite emotional and entertaining. Families are given the opportunity to present the diploma to their graduates, offer a charge, a prayer or congratulations, in two minutes or less! Or the student may wish to use that time to express appreciation to his/her parents. The time per family must be limited to 2 minutes out of consideration for others. We ask you to please stay for the entire ceremony and share the joy of the day with all those present. We need 2 fathers to volunteer for the opening and closing prayers.

RECEPTION:

The reception theme is: Cookies and Fruit. T.E.A.C.H. will supply the décor, sheet cake, punch and fountain, and all paper products. Graduates simply supply and drop off un-plated cookies or fruit at rehearsal. T.E.A.C.H. will plate and serve the food. Please let us know on the sign-up sheet, what and how much you will be bringing.

MANDATORY MEETINGS:

There are three MANDATORY MEETINGS that all graduates and parent(s) **must attend** prior to graduation:

1) January 22nd or February 19th, 2018 7-9:00 pm - Orientation at River Oak Church.

All Payments are required at this time. Graduation affidavits, applications and order forms must be submitted at either mandatory meeting.

2) Monday, May 21st 6-7:00 pm.- Final Detail Wrap Up. River Oak Church.

3) Friday, June 1st, 2018, 7-8:00 pm, Rehearsal at River Oak Church.

This is the graduation rehearsal. Please bring caps/gowns/tassels.

FEES:

All fees **will be collected at one of the attended orientation meetings**, and should be made payable to T.E.A.C.H.

Listed below are the MANDATORY ITEMS for graduation:

- Graduation fee (to cover the cost of the venue, reception, speaker, programs, and Slide Show)
- Jostens blue Cap and Gown
- T.E.A.C.H. Tassel
- T.E.A.C.H. Diploma Cover
- T.E.A.C.H. Diploma
- T.E.A.C.H. DVD

Optional Extras:

Shipping & Handling per order = \$8.00
Graduation fee= \$75.00
Tassel= \$10.00
Cap= \$8.00
Cap, tassel and gown unit= \$42.00
Diploma= \$10
Diploma Cover= \$15.00
Diploma Cover and Diploma= \$25.00
Honor Cord, GPA/gold = \$10
Honor Cord, Scholarship/white = \$10
Honor Cord, Military/rwb = \$15
Graduation Announcements= \$1.00 a piece
Name Cards= \$20.00
1st DVD=\$25.00/copies= \$15.00
Prom Ticket= Discounted

Package 1 = \$180.00

Graduation fee
Cap, tassel and gown unit
Diploma Cover and Diploma
5 Graduation Announcements
Name cards
DVD
Shipping & Handling

Package 2 = \$130.00

Graduation fee
Cap, tassel and gown unit
Diploma Cover and Diploma
Shipping & Handling

AFFIDAVIT:

Parents are required to turn in a notarized affidavit verifying their student(s) are indeed homeschooled, and are neither enrolled in any other form of schooling (other than TCC) nor are participating in any other graduation ceremony. **This affidavit has to be signed and notarized and turned in with the completed application at one of the attended orientation meetings.** . Please note that the affidavit requires the signature of a notary public – have this done prior to attending the meeting. We will try to provide a notary at the meeting, but this is not always possible.

REGALIA:

Orders will be taken **at one of the attended orientation meetings** for caps, gowns, tassels, etc.. Extra tassels may be ordered if graduates wish to use one in their display. The only other regalia permitted will be honor cords for the purpose of collegiate scholarships awarded, not the graduate's GPA. Distributions of caps/gowns/tassels will be picked up on the May 21st meeting from 6-7:00 pm at River Oak Church.

DRESS CODE:

Modest attire must be worn under the graduation gown. Ladies should wear dresses no shorter than two inches above the knee and with a modest neckline. Men must wear socks, shoes (no sandals), dark dress pants, white dress shirt and tie, (the color to be determined by the male graduates). Jeans are not acceptable. We will not be using the white collars that come with the gowns

RING & PROM:

A Jostens' Basic style TEACH class ring is available. Starting prices for the basic TEACH ring is boys: \$109.00/girls: \$105.00. If you would like to order your class ring you may do so by checking the box. A Jostens' representative **will be at one of the attended orientation meetings** to help you order your ring.

The class ring ceremony will be held at this year's prom on May 11th. Graduates will be able to purchase their **prom ticket for a discounted price**. Go to <http://www.teachhomeschool.com/prom.html> for more information about the prom.

DIPLOMAS:

The Diplomas and padded diploma covers will be supplied by T.E.A.C.H. and will be signed by the T.E.A.C.H. President. There are also two lines provided on the diploma for parent signatures.

BIOGRAPHY:

Please write a short paragraph about yourself (10 Sentences maximum) for inclusion in the graduation program. T.E.A.C.H. reserves the right to edit the graduate's bio as necessary or to send it back for revision. Email your bio by **April 1st** to: teachpromandgraduation@gmail.com

Some suggested info to include in your biography:

Favorite Scripture	Anyone you want to thank	Important Life Lessons Learned
Birthplace	Achievements	Future plans
Age	Awards	<i>Involvement in:</i>
Years of homeschooling	Special recognition	music, sports, contests, missions,
Places of residence	Family	community volunteer, service
Blessings from the Lord	Work	organizations.

PHOTOS:***For Slide show:***

We will display a slide show that includes three pictures of each graduate: baby, youth, and, current. Please send your three pictures to : teachpromandgraduation@gmail.com **by April 1st**.

Cap & Gown or group Portraits: (optional)

There are many photographers who do senior packets, for example Life Touch/Prestige. Contact: Blair Tompson 420-9417 (handouts available). At the end of the ceremony, there will be an opportunity for parents to take a group photo of the graduates.

DVD:

Once again T.E.A.C.H. is offering a DVD of graduation. It will include the graduates' picture power point, the ceremony, guest speaker's remarks and the parental presentation of diplomas. Cost of the first DVD is \$ 25.00. Extra copies will be \$15.00 each.

The 1st DVD is included in Package 1.

DISPLAY TABLES:

Each graduate will be given half of an 8ft. table to display pictures, awards, mementos, academic work or other interests and activities.

INVITATIONS: (optional)

Invitations are the responsibility of the family of the graduates, unless you wish to order them from the **option available column**, or you select **Package 1**.

DEADLINES:

Please help us by meeting all required deadlines, so that we will have time to prepare everything.

It is an honor for us to be able to help you culminate your homeschool career on June 2nd, 2018.

Initial questions? Please contact the T.E.A.C.H. Board Graduation Coordinators:

TEACHPromandGraduation@gmail.com (or) <http://www.teachhomeschool.com/prom.html>

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