

NYS LEAH 2012 Homeschool Commencement

June 2, 2012

Sponsored by NYS LEAH

*****January 31st 2012 Registration DEADLINE*****

Registrations postmarked after January 31st will incur a **\$25 LATE FEE**

No late registrations will be accepted after February 15, 2012

General Information

Eligibility: Your family must be a current member of a local LEAH Chapter, and have also been a LEAH member for at least the last two years. This policy was adopted by the NYS LEAH Board. Those with extenuating circumstances must send a written appeal for review to John and Holly Phillips at the listed address. Requests must be accompanied by a SASE and postmarked by January 15, 2012. You will be contacted with a determination.

Where/When: The 2012 Commencement Ceremony will be held at the Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, NY, at 5 PM, on June 2, 2012 in conjunction with the NYS LEAH Homeschool and Family Conference. Parents and graduates are required to attend the rehearsal tentatively scheduled for 1 PM on June 2, at the RRCC.

Ceremony: The commencement ceremony offers parents the opportunity to honor their graduate by presenting him/her with their diploma on stage, while a verse (chosen by the graduate) and future plans are read. How much is read will depend on the number of graduates and will be determined after registrations are received.

Fee: The non-refundable fee of \$ 62 includes: a cap, gown, and tassel (all royal blue); a diploma with matting and a plastic sleeve, the cost of mailing your gown packet to you; your personal listing in the program (provided it is received by the deadline); and a 5x7 group photo of the graduates. Partial packages are available. We will personalize your diploma if you are unable to do so yourself (required information must be supplied).

Pre-Ceremony DVD: To be included in a multi-media presentation to be shown before the ceremony begins, you must provide 2-3 photos of the graduate (ages birth-present suggested). **Each photo must be labeled** with the graduate's name, and be sent with your registration forms. Copies of photos are best, but, if you need them returned to you, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. If we do not receive a SASE, we will assume that you do not want your photos returned. **We will do our best to take care of your photos, but please note that by sending your photos, you are agreeing that we are not responsible for lost or damaged photos.**

DVD of Ceremony: Louis Sabo of LRSIIIMAGES will be video-recording the entire ceremony and offering "a better than amateur" memory of your high school commencement. Pre-order using the form on the last page.

Graduate Photos: A photographer will be available for those families who would like a professional photo of their graduate. Please see the order form on the last page for ordering information. Please note: the form should **not** be sent with your registration. It needs to be mailed to the address on the form.

Fine Writer's Award: To be considered for the award, submit a 1000-1,200 word essay on the topic "**Home Education: Standing Firm on the Promises of God**". The best two pieces will be awarded \$300 and \$150. Your essay must accompany your registration. See complete guidelines on a following page.

NYS LEAH Upstate Commencement Coordinator: John and Holly Phillips

UpstateCommencement@leah.org 607-868-5518

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THE FOLLOWING MUST BE READ AND SIGNED:

An important note from the Board of New York State LEAH

To the graduates and their families:

The purpose of the Commencement Ceremony during the NYS LEAH Convention is to allow a special time to acknowledge the Lord's part in each family's homeschooling efforts, and to give Him glory, honor, praise and thanksgiving for guiding each family through their years of homeschooling.

In keeping with that purpose, we want to guard against anything which might disrupt this special time by establishing some guidelines which are designed to protect those who want to participate in a reverent time of acknowledging God's goodness.

Participation in the LEAH Commencement Ceremony is a privilege extended to member families of LEAH, not a right of membership. The LEAH Board of Directors reserves the right to exclude from participation any member family if it is determined that their participation is not in the best interest of LEAH, or of the reputation of Christian homeschooling.

LEAH recognizes that participation in contests, competitions, honors programs, etc., can provide powerful motivation in the pursuit of excellence and wholeheartedly congratulates the graduates on the achievement of any honors, awards, and trophies that they may have received. However, inasmuch as NYS LEAH has no control over, and makes no judgments with respect to, any particular awards and honors received by our graduates, the wearing of any honor garb, regalia, or other award insignia, in order to distinguish one graduate from another, is NOT permitted DURING the Commencement Ceremony or DURING the official group photograph. The graduate **may** include mention of any awards or honors received in their personal biographical material which is printed in the program and/or read during the awarding of diplomas. The graduate may also adorn themselves with their honor insignia immediately AFTER the ceremony if desired, and for any personal photographs, whether taken by the official LEAH photographer or by family and friends.

In our vigilance to uphold the honor and dignity of the occasion, we require the following dress standards for those graduates who wish to participate in the NYS LEAH Commencement Ceremony.

Modesty should be the standard for both ladies and gentlemen. This applies to parents and graduates.

Ladies: Please wear a dress/skirt/top and dress shoes. Dress slacks are allowed but not preferred. Optional: jewelry and make-up.

Gentlemen: Please wear dress pants, dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes.

We urge each graduate and family to carefully consider how they present themselves.

***Is it honoring to God?**

***Does it show love and respect to your Christian brothers and sisters who may hold to different dress or achievement standards?**

***Does it contribute to an atmosphere of dignity and honor?**

If you have any questions or concerns, the full and detailed wording of each particular policy is available upon request from the LEAH Board.

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2012 Fine Writers Award Guidelines

To be considered for the 2012 Fine Writers Award, please take note of the following guidelines.

- You (and/or family) must be current members of NYS LEAH and have been so since 2010 (the last two years). No exceptions.
- You must be registering for and planning to attend the 2012 NYS LEAH Upstate Commencement Ceremony.
- Your essay must accompany your commencement registration form by the registration deadline. No exceptions.
- Your essay must center on the chosen topic – **“Home Education: Standing Firm on the Promises of God”**.
- The essay must be between 1,000 and 1,200 words in length.
- You must be willing to have your essay printed in the LEAH Messenger and to also read an excerpt as part of the 2012 NYS LEAH Upstate Commencement Ceremony.

A committee will consider all submissions and will choose the top two for awards. The best submission will be awarded \$300 and a part in the 2012 commencement ceremony. The runner-up piece will receive \$150. Both essays will be printed in the LEAH Messenger. A decision will be announced by May 1, 2012 and posted on the LEAH website. The winning entrants will also be personally contacted. Please contact Holly Phillips, Upstate Commencement Coordinator, with questions. Her email is: upstatecommencement@leah.org.

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Please sign this portion and return it with your registration form.

We have read the guidelines on the previous page and understand the purpose of this ceremony. We (includes the graduate) agree to abide by these guidelines and would like to participate in the NYS LEAH Upstate Commencement Ceremony. Compliance to the dress standards will be determined by the NYS LEAH Board. Any graduate who chooses not to follow the dress standards **may not be allowed** to participate in the ceremony.

Parents: _____ Graduate: _____

_____ Date: _____

We will supply you with a blank diploma. If you need us to personalize it, please include the following information. If you are personalizing it yourself, leave the section below blank but return with registration form.

Diploma Information: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Full Name (as you want it on your diploma): _____

Name of School (optional): _____

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Please fill out each section completely, even though it seems you are writing the same things twice. The forms are sent to different individuals.

Diploma Presentation Information

Please PRINT **one** scripture verse from the version of your choice, or any special thought you'd like to share. We will include what we are able to, depending on the number of graduates.

FULL NAME (as you want it read on stage): _____

PRINT ONE scripture verse from the version of choice: _____

FUTURE PLANS or other thought to be read: _____

Example: Jane will be attending MCC in the fall to pursue a degree in Music, or, Jane would like to reach others for Christ.

Program Information

A short biography of each graduate will be placed in the program **PROVIDING** it is received by the deadline. Please include the following information and we will include what we are able to.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY – 50 word limit

FULL NAME (as you want it in the program): _____

Verse Reference _____ **lives in** _____

Has been homeschooled for (#) years _____. **List activities, ministries, etc.** _____

Future Plans: _____

For administrative use only:

LEAH member _____ Multimedia _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Confirmation _____ FWA _____
Dress code _____ Return _____ Insured _____ Late fee \$ _____ Address OK _____ Diploma _____

REGISTRATION FORM: Please, no phone registrations. Please fill in ALL the information
(print neatly) and do not make your own form. The forms are designed to be effectively processed.

Parents Names: _____

Graduate's Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Address (# and street) _____

Email: _____

(City, State, Zip) _____

(only list if you check at least once a week)

LEAH Chapter Name: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Chapter Leader Name: _____

Email: _____

Chapter Leader Contact: _____

(only list if you check at least once a week)

(phone or email)

CHECK NEEDED ITEMS: CAP _____ GOWN _____ TASSEL _____ DIPLOMA _____

REQUIRED information (needed for photo and gown): HEIGHT _____ WEIGHT _____

Ordering and Payment Information

Full Pack: Cap/Gown/Tassel, Diploma \$62 \$ _____

Partial Pack: Cap/Gown/Tassel, no Diploma \$55

Diploma only \$45

Gown, Diploma only \$50

Cap, Diploma only \$40

Tassel, Diploma only \$45

Cap/Tassel, Diploma only \$48 \$ _____

Please note: If ordering a partial pack, dye lots may vary from the items you currently have.
If providing your own diploma, we are unable to personalize.

Late Fee (if not postmarked by January 31, 2012) \$ 25 \$ _____

Insurance on Gown Pack (optional) \$ 3 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make check payable to: NYS LEAH. Full payment must be received with the registration form and
must be postmarked by January 31, 2012.

Mail forms and payment to: Holly Phillips, NYS LEAH Upstate Commencement,
8761 Chidsey Hill Rd., Branchport, NY 14418

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NYS LEAH Graduate Portraits & Ceremony Video order form

Date: **June 2, 2012**

1st - Fill in info. Date _____

NYS LEAH Convention 2012

Student Name _____

ID# _____

Parents Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

email _____

Orders can be placed online

- Order form and samples can be viewed at www.lrsiimages.com/leah_conv.html
- **NEW** - We are offering Ceremony Portraits. We take a picture of Mom & Dad with Grad on stage during the ceremony. Item #1 or #8. See web for samples.
- **Pre-Order Deadline May 1st 2012.** Orders made after this date add a \$5 late fee to the total.

1st - Select Print Package that suits your needs by indicating quantity in box adjacent to choice.

As a courtesy we mail the graduate class photo with your portrait order.

Package Photo offers		8 x 10	5 x 7	Stage 5x7	Wallets 2" x 3"	Image CD	Price	Qty.	Subtotal
#1	Family Grand w/Stage Photo	2	4	1	20	image CD	\$50.00		
#2	Family Pride pack - Portrait	3	4		32	image CD	\$45.00		
#3	Family & Friends - Portrait	2	2		20	image CD	\$35.00		
#4	Family Pack plus - Portrait	1	2		8		\$27.00		
• Prints to add to your package order (available only to add onto package orders)									
#5	Package - mix - PM 5x7,3x5		1	2			\$10.00		
Digital Media Items				5x7		CD			
#7	Image CD w reprint permission					1	\$25.00		
#8	Ceremony Stage Photo			1	web image		\$15.00		
#9	Commencement Video						\$20.00		
									DVD with Video of Commencement Service

2nd- Make Payment

- Full payment due with portrait order.
- Pay by Cash, Check, Credit Card or PayPal.
- Make checks payable to **LRS IIMAGES**
- Returned Checks are subject to \$25 fee.
- Include full address and Phone #.
- Complete separate order for each Graduate.
- Please send your order to our office address at top of page.

NYS Sales Tax ID TF-4048617

Thank you for your order!

Order Sub-Total \$

NY State
Sales Tax 8.00%

Shipping \$3.00

Late Fee

Grand Total

Total Payment \$

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