



Plano Area Texas Homeschoolers (PATH) Admissions Policy

The director of PATH will hold your application until time to fill any openings that our classes have for the upcoming semester. At that time, the director of PATH will telephone or email you

- To extend you an invitation to join us or
- To ask if you would like to wait to join us at a later time if we don't have any openings for the upcoming semester.

Once you have committed to join PATH for the following semester, then you are considered registered for PATH, and any withdrawal from the group before the final day of classes of that upcoming semester will result in the following consequences:

- You will not be permitted to re-apply to join PATH for one year.
- You will forfeit both your application fee and your class fees.

If it happens that you withdraw from PATH membership before we have registered for upcoming classes, then the class fees will not be due. Once you have registered your children for specific classes in the next semester of PATH, then those fees are due and payable—regardless of whether your children attend the classes or not.

You may withdraw from PATH without penalty after completing any full semester. You can do this by not re-applying for the next semester of classes when re-application is held during each semester. You are welcome to return to PATH at any time by mailing your application to the address listed above.

Why do we have such strict admission rules?

The longevity of PATH and the positive impact it has on families' lives is due to the grace of God and the hard and selfless work of all of our volunteer parents. Having families drop out after registration causes holes in our organization and causes a strain on the rest of the group. Our goal is to enrich the lives of homeschoolers, not to cause stress.

If you withdraw from PATH before or during the semester, then your jobs (either as cleaner or teacher and as assistant teacher) will remain open for the next semester unless they are covered by another volunteer member of PATH. If you are scheduled to teach a class, then that class will have to be cancelled or taken over by another mom who should not have to take on additional responsibilities over and above her other PATH responsibilities. If you are scheduled as a cleaner for the semester, then your cleaning team will be short one person for the entire ten weeks of the semester if you drop out before the final week of the semester. These cleaning crews should not be penalized by having to do more than their share of work because of your absence. PATH students should not be penalized by having their class cancelled at the last minute because of your absence.

Please strongly consider your ability to fulfill your commitment to our group BEFORE accepting an invitation to join our membership.

Regarding the fees:

Immediately following class registration for the upcoming semester, we provide each teacher a head count of the number of students that will be in their class during the semester. Normally, the teacher will then begin to prepare for activities for the students and will start shopping for their supplies with that specific student head count in mind.

If you withdraw your child from the class at any time after registration, the teacher would then be "stuck" to cover the class supplies of your student from her personal money. To avoid this type of financial risk for our unpaid, volunteer teachers, PATH leadership commits to each teacher that he or she will receive the money for the original head count conveyed to him or her immediately following registration. Therefore, you must pay your class fees regardless of whether your child attends the classes or not.



Plano Area Texas Homeschoolers (PATH) Admissions Policy

In Summary:

Class fees are designed to cover the costs a teacher incurs in teaching a class. After registration, each teacher is given a class roster and the amount she can spend on that class. She can then begin gathering her supplies. Changes made after that time should not place a financial burden on the teachers, which is why class fees are not refunded.

God has abundantly blessed PATH as it strives to enrich the lives of its member families. We do our part by being good stewards of our monies and making sure teachers and parents are all holding up their end of the bargain.

No one in PATH receives any compensation for their services. Application fees are used strictly to pay for rent, copy expenses, postage costs and cleaning supplies. Any extra money received from class fees or fund-raising events will go into the organization to buy needed equipment or to scholarship member families who have experienced a job loss.

We have strict admission procedures for that reason. We must prevent as many careless acts as possible. We know that unexpected crises or changes may occur and may be beyond anyone's control. However, because of those uncontrollable events, we must minimize the controllable interruptions as much as possible. PATH must operate with a conservative management style in both time management and financial management to assure that PATH will be available for the next generation of homeschoolers in the North Texas area.