

Hermitage School District

Application Questionnaire – Gratuitous Keep

INFORMATION FROM APPLICANT WHO REQUESTS RESIDENT SCHOOL PRIVILEGES (UNDER SECTION 1302 OR PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL CODE AND 22 Pa Code 11.19) FOR CHILD (NOT HIS/HER OWN) KEPT IN HIS/HER HOME.

- a. Have resident who will be responsible for child/children complete and sign SWORN STATEMENT OF RESIDENT, and have statement notarized. If the child/children is living, or will be living, in a household with two resident adults who will assume responsibility for the student; both residents must sign and complete the statement.
- b. Have resident/residents who will be responsible for the child/children complete and sign AFFIDAVIT OF RESIDENCY: and have affidavit notarized.
- c. Have parent or parents of child/children complete and sign AFFIDAVIT OF PARENT(S), and have affidavit notarized.
- d. Return completed questionnaire and affidavits to school.
- e. Agree to Hermitage School District Policy 202, Eligibility of Nonresident Students, which states that 'Students who become nonresidents are prohibited from residing in a current district resident's home for the sole purpose of attending school.'

Any admission of child by school authorities will be tentative and subject to final decision of the Superintendent and/or Board of Directors. Application/reapplication shall be made on an annual basis.

SWORN STATEMENT OF RESIDENT

1. Your Name _____

2. Your home address _____

3. Your Phone Number _____

4. Child(ren) Information:

Name of Child(ren)	Date of Birth	Place of Birth

5. Are you related to child(ren)? _____ Yes _____ No
If so, how are you related? _____

6. Give reason for applicant desiring to keep child(ren). _____

7. Is father living? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, his name _____
Father's Address (if known) _____
Father's Social Security Number (if known) _____

8. Is mother living? _____ Yes _____ No
If yes, her name _____
Mother's Address (if known) _____
Mother's Social Security Number (if known) _____

9. Why is child(ren) not living with one or both parent(s)? _____

10. Will parent(s) contribute anything for child's support either in money or clothing, etc?
_____ Yes _____ No _____ % of Support

11. Is there currently a support order for the child that has been entered by a court or other party?

_____ Yes _____ No If yes, to whom is payment made? _____

12. Will you receive welfare, public assistance or any other form of aid or payments, or personal compensation from one or both parents, from any other person or source for this child?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain _____

13. Will parent(s) claim child(ren) as dependent(s) for federal or state income tax reporting purposes?

_____ Yes _____ No If no, who will? _____

14. What is the anticipated length of time that applicant plans to keep child? _____

15. Will child(ren) customarily return to parent(s) during legal holidays or summer vacations?

_____ Yes _____ No

16. Will child(ren) continuously sleep overnight at applicant's residence? _____ Yes _____ No

17. Who is the legal guardian of the child(ren)? _____

18. Who has legal custody of the child(ren)? _____

19. Have the parents given you the right to make all educational decisions for the student? _____ Yes _____ No

If you answered "NO", who has educational rights?

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Office Use Only Below This Line

Superintendent's Signature

Date

NOTE: Through my notarized signature, I grant the school district permission to investigate the information that I have presented in the Application Questionnaire for confirmation and factual accuracy.

I, _____, residing at _____, do hereby swear that I am keeping and supporting _____ (child or children) gratis, and that I will be responsible for said Child or Children for school attendance and all personal requirements, and that I intend to so keep and support said Child or Children continuously and not merely through the school term. I certify that the information in response to the above questions is correct.

I fully understand that the Hermitage School District may make an independent investigation to assure that the guardianship I am claiming is a legitimate one.

I UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE INFORMATION FURNISHED IS UNTRUE, I WILL BE LIABLE FOR THE NORMAL TUITION PAYMENT LEVIED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS PER THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S POLICY ON TUITION CALCULATION. I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE LIABLE FOR TUITION PAYMENTS FOR EACH CHILD, FOR EACH MONTH, OR PORTION THEREOF THAT CHILD ATTENDS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

I also understand that untrue information in the sworn statement can cause the child(ren) to be removed from the Hermitage School District pursuant to 24 P.S. 13-1302(2)(b).

I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 P.A.C.S., Section 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a person who knowingly provides false information in the sworn statement for the purpose of enrolling a child in a school district for which the child is not eligible commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction for such violation, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300) for the benefit of the school district in which the person resides or to both perform up to two hundred forty (240) hours of community service, or both. In addition, the person shall pay all court costs and shall be liable to the school district for an amount equal to the cost of tuition calculated in accordance with section 2561 during the period of enrollment.

_____ Printed Name of Applicant _____ Date

_____ Telephone Number of Applicant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Notary Public, My Commission Expires:

Hermitage School District

Affidavit of Gratuitous Keep

Pennsylvania School Code, Section 1302, states as follows: "A Child shall be considered as a resident of the school district in which has parents or the guardian of his person resides. When a resident of any school district keeps in his home a child of, school age, not his own, supporting the child gratis as if the child were his own, such child shall be entitled to all free school privileges accorded to resident school children of the district, including the right to attend the public high school maintained in such district or in other districts in the same manner as though such child were in fact a resident school child of the district, and shall be subject to all the requirements placed upon resident school children of the district."

Before accepting such child as a pupil, the board of school directors of the district may require such resident to file with the secretary of the board a sworn statement that he/she is a resident of the district, that he/she is supporting the child gratis, that he/she will assume all personal obligations for the child relative to school requirements, and that he/she intends to so keep and support the child continuously and not merely through the school term.

SWORN STATEMENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

_____ (Parent/Guardian Name), being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that (he/she) is the legal parent/guardian of _____ (child(ren)'s name) a child of school age that resides at _____ (full address) and that he/she is unable to care for an support said child(ren) in his/her home for the following reason: _____ and that, accordingly, said child(ren) have been placed in the home of _____, a resident of the Hermitage School District, resident at _____ (full address); and that such resident will keep and support the child(ren) as his or her own dependent(s), assuming all personal and financial obligations free of charge or financial reimbursement; and that such keep and support shall be continuous and not merely through the school term; and not for the purpose of circumventing district attendance regulations or avoiding district tuition charges.

NOTE: The district reserves the right to make this affidavit available to the Internal Revenue Bureau for income tax purposes. Any false or misleading statement made above will be construed its perjury; can lead to the immediate removal of the pupil from school attendance; and the parent, resident, or both will be charged with the full amount of tuition due the Hermitage School District.

_____ Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Date

_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian

Notary Affidavit: **Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Mercer**

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Notary Public, My Commission Expires: