



The Association for Biblical Higher Education exists to enhance the quality and credibility of postsecondary institutions that engage students biblically, transformationally, experientially and missionally. Membership status in ABHE is limited to accredited and pre-accredited institutions. Affiliate status is available to credible institutions of biblical higher education who presently lack either readiness or inclination to seek accreditation but who seek the benefits of ready access to ABHE services, resources, and networking.

BENEFITS FOR AFFILIATION INSTITUTIONS

- » Inclusion in the Association Directory in the “Affiliate Institutions” category
- » Use of faculty/staff referral service on the Association web page
- » Copies of the Association Newsletter distributed to the president’s office
- » Access to selected reports, briefs, survey results, and comparative data
- » Updates on government, legal and cultural issues that impact faith-based education
- » Invitations to the Annual Meeting at a reduced affiliate registration rate
- » Invitations to Association-sponsored leadership (professional) development programs
- » Opportunities to purchase Association publications at a reduced affiliate rate
- » Opportunities for interaction and networking with individuals and institutions that have similar values and commitments
- » Access to the consultative services of the ABHE professional staff
- » Opportunities to observe the process and potentially work toward accreditation in the future

CRITERIA/CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY:

- » Agreement with the ABHE Tenets of Faith
- » Evidence that the institution is operating legally within the parameters of the particular province/state relative to faith-based post secondary institutions
- » Recognition (corporate identity) as a non-profit organization
- » Presence of a publicly stated/board approved mission statement that has a biblical/ministry formation focus
- » Commitment to offer education at a post secondary level
- » Curricular offerings, degrees, and institutional nomenclature consistent with North American higher educational norms as well as with institutional human, educational, and financial resources
- » Minimum of a two-year history with an identifiable board, administration, faculty, and student body
- » A letter of reference from an administrator/faculty member of an ABHE member institution or from an ABHE professional staff person affirming the institution’s integrity, credibility, and compatibility with ABHE’s purpose and values
- » Commitment to accurate disclosure of accredited status, according to the following stipulations:
 - An affiliate institution must not portray itself, verbally or in print, as an accredited member of ABHE;
 - An affiliate institution must not claim accreditation through an agency lacking recognition by the US Department of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation;
 - Affiliate institutions must use the following disclosure statement: [Institution Name] is an affiliate institution of the Association for Biblical Higher Education. As such, it participates in and contributes to collegial and professional development activities of the association. Affiliate status does not, however, constitute, imply, or presume ABHE accredited status at present or in the future.
 - Affiliate institutions must notify the ABHE office promptly regarding any changes in directory information (i.e., website, mailing address, instructional location(s), leadership)
- » Submission of annual affiliate dues; institutions whose annual dues are more than 60 days delinquent will be dropped from the affiliate roster.
- » Institutions that have been dropped from affiliate status may seek reinstatement after 3 years.



MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

- ✓ Completed application form
- ✓ Evidence that the institution is operating legally within the parameters of the particular province/state relative to faith-based post secondary institutions
- ✓ Recognition (corporate identity) as a non-profit organization
- ✓ Signed Tenets of Faith Statement
- ✓ Current board approved mission statement
- ✓ Current catalog
- ✓ Enrollment reports for the past two years
- ✓ Latest externally compiled financial report or audited statement
- ✓ List of board members and senior administrators
- ✓ Reference letter from an administrator/faculty member of an ABHE member institution or from an ABHE professional staff person
- ✓ Non-refundable application fee of \$100 that will be applied toward the annual dues amount of \$750 if the application is approved by the ABHE Board's Affiliate Review Committee

ANNUAL AFFILIATE DUES

- » \$750 — Includes one free delegate registration per Affiliate institution to the ABHE Annual Meeting in February (\$285 value).
- » The Board of Directors will review the amount on an annual basis

MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS:

- » Signed Tenets of Faith Statement
- » Signed Accreditation Disclosure Agreement
- » Annual Affiliate Dues



According to the Constitution of the Association for Biblical Higher Education, the following statement of faith is to be subscribed to annually by each member/affiliate institution through the signature of the president or of a board official.

1. We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in his virgin birth, in his sinless life, in his miracles, in his vicarious atonement through his shed blood, in his bodily resurrection, in his ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in his personal and visible return in power and glory.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he was tempted by Satan and fell, and that, because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary for salvation.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life, and by whom the church is empowered to carry out Christ's great commission.
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved unto the resurrection of life and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

Signature: _____

Institution: _____

Date: _____

Please complete and return to ABHE
5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Suite 26
Orlando, FL 32822-1781

Institutional Data

Name of Institution: _____ Web Site: http://www. _____
 Tel: _____ FAX: _____ E-Mail: _____
 Street Address: _____ City: _____
 State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City: _____
 State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

A. Names of Officers

Name	Highest Earned Degree	E-Mail Address
President: _____	_____	_____
Chief Academic Ofcr: _____	_____	_____
Chief Student Development Ofcr: _____	_____	_____
Chief Development Ofcr: _____	_____	_____
Chief Financial Officer: _____	_____	_____
Registrar: _____	_____	_____

B. Name of Governing Board Chair:

Board Chair: _____ Address: _____
 City/State-Province/Zip-Postal Code: _____

C. Describe Your Institutional Characteristics in terms of:

- Academic Calendar (e.g., Semester, quarter, 4-1-4): _____
- Off-Campus Locations (name, city, state/province); List offerings, credentials (if applicable) [Attach sheet if needed]
 - Branch Campuses: _____
 - Additional Locations: _____
 - Extension Classes: _____
- Educational Delivery Systems (i.e. traditional, degree completion, correspondence, online, modular, intensive weekends): _____
- Control/Affiliation:
 - Indicate any denominational/church relationships of the institution. If non, write "Independent." _____
 - If independent, identify the theological perspective to which your college adheres (e.g. Baptist, Wesleyan). If course work is taught from an interdenominational perspective, write "inter-" or "non-denominational." _____
- Higher Education Relationships Other Than ABHE: _____

Enrollment Date: Fall 20__ __

Term	Fall Term 2 Years Ago	Previous Fall Term	Most Recent Fall
A. Undergraduate (for credit only)			
1. Headcount	_____	_____	_____
2. FTE*	_____	_____	_____
B. Graduate			
1. Headcount	_____	_____	_____
2. FTE*	_____	_____	_____
C. Distance Education			
1. Headcount	_____	_____	_____
2. FTE*	_____	_____	_____
D. Off Campus (for credit only)			
1. Headcount	_____	_____	_____

*FTE: Full-time equivalent enrollment for the term is the sum of all full-time students (those carrying 12 or more credit hours) plus the part-time FTE (total part-time hours being taken divided by 12)



According to official ABHE policy as stated in the *Affiliate Status Application Guidelines*, affiliate institutions must certify their commitment to observe the following requirements relative to disclosure of their affiliation with ABHE in all official and unofficial publications:

- » An affiliate institution must not portray itself, verbally or in print, as an accredited member of ABHE;
- » An affiliate institution must not claim accreditation through an agency lacking recognition by the U.S. Department of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation;
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We have reviewed the above disclosure terms and hereby commit to abide by these provisions as a condition of our affiliate status with the Association for Biblical Higher Education.

Institution: _____

CEO or Board Chair [Print or Type]: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Date: _____

To: Ralph E. Enlow, Jr., ABHE President

I hereby vouch for and endorse the following institution's Application for ABHE Affiliate Status:

- » Institution Name: _____
- » Physical Address: _____

- » Website: _____
- » State or Province of Legal Registration: _____
- » Chief Executive Officer: _____

In so doing, certify that I have extensive personal knowledge and experience of the institution and its leadership and that I have personally verified the following:

- ✓ The institution offers bona fide, credible post-secondary education.
- ✓ Under at least some circumstances, my institution would be willing to accept transfer credit from students who complete applicable course work at the institution.
- ✓ The institution and its leaders are of good repute spiritually and educationally.
- ✓ The institution does not claim accreditation by any agency lacking recognition by the US Department of Education and/or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
- ✓ The institution's publications and website are accurate and consistent in terms of its status and educational offerings.
- ✓ The institution would be a credit to ABHE.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

ABHE Member Institution: _____