

2022 TCC Homeschool High School Graduation Information Sheet

Each spring, Triangle Community Church hosts a high school graduation ceremony for homeschool students, followed by a reception to celebrate the achievements of our graduates. Below is important information to help you prepare for this event, and to register your student.

The 2022 graduation ceremony is Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 10-11:30 a.m.

****** Important Notes:** If you wish to have your graduate participate in the following year's ceremony (i.e., 2023 graduation ceremony) a family representative **MUST** volunteer for the 2022 graduation ceremony to be given first consideration as a registrant. Other registrants who have not volunteered for the prior year's ceremony will be placed on the waiting list. Volunteering can mean participating in the planning and pre-event coordination, and does not necessarily mean volunteering at the ceremony itself. To make arrangements to volunteer, please email tcchomeschoolgraduation@gmail.com.

Due to COVID, plans are subject to change. For example, we may restrict the event to immediate family only and simulcast for others, participants may be required to wear masks and/or practice social distancing, we may forego the reception or we may have to cancel the event entirely. ****

REGISTRATION

To register a student for participation in this ceremony, please complete this [REGISTRATION FORM](#) before March 1, 2022. However, be aware that usually all 16 spots are filled and a waiting list started well before the registration deadline.

The fee for registration is \$85 per graduate and includes:

- Rehearsal, ceremony and reception planning/coordination -- set-up; printed programs; musicians, video presentation of family photographs with personalized music, commencement address speaker, reception with elegant décor with rose for parent, flower arrangements and light refreshments; tables/tablecloths for graduate displays; audio/visual and facility services, event clean up, love offerings for select volunteers.
- Professional photography – access to digital photos of ceremony and reception, individual presentation of diploma from parents, group of graduates and cap toss. An outdoor photo shoot for your family following the ceremony can be arranged for an extra \$20 per graduate.

ORDER OF THE CEREMONY

- Prelude
- Processional of graduates
- Welcome
- Opening prayer
- Commencement address

- Video/slide show of graduate family photographs, reading of graduate biographies and presentation of diplomas
- Special musical performance
- Closing prayer
- Presentation of graduates
- Recessional of graduates
- Graduate group photo and cap toss

Immediately following the ceremony is a reception with light refreshments for graduates, family and guests. The reception is held in TCC's Next Generation Center behind the main building. The event typically concludes by 12:30 p.m. latest.

KEY DATES

Nonrefundable registration fee of \$85 is due upon registration to confirm a graduate's spot.

March 1, 2022 – Registration deadline

April 1, 2022 – Digital photos and favorite music selection for video due

May 1, 2022 – Biography of graduate due, make arrangements for additional photo shoot if desired, RSVPs due (total number of graduate guests)*

May 13, 2022 – Mandatory set-up and rehearsal (done by graduates and parents) 5-6:30 p.m.

May 14, 2022 – Ceremony and reception at 10 a.m. (graduates arrive by 9:15 a.m.)

*The RSVP deadline it is important to purchase refreshments, print programs, and finalize seating arrangements – please do your best to confirm number of guests by this date. We don't want to over purchase supplies (which wastes money) or under purchase (which creates a last-minute hassle). There is no limit on the number of guests you may invite. Please be aware of guests you may have in common with other graduates, and try to agree which graduate will "claim" those guests so we don't count them twice.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Registration Fee

Please send the nonrefundable \$85 registration fee to confirm your graduate's spot in the event. This payment must be made through PayPal (bloomwhereplantedtoday@gmail.com) or Venmo (@Susan-Sikora-Brisendine). In the memo, please include the graduate's name. When given the option, please select that this money is going to "friend or family" so that we are not charged a fee for PayPal processing. (This graduation planning committee is comprised of friends organizing an event on your behalf – we are not a company or even a non-profit organization.)

Biography

A one-paragraph biography of no more than 100 words will be read during the handing out of diplomas. Email your biography to tcchomeschoolgraduation@gmail.com

Include the following information in the biography:

1. Full name of graduate as it appears on the program centered at top of the page in bold type
2. One paragraph that is approximately 100 words (Times New Roman, size 14) DOUBLE SPACE
3. Ideas of points to cover in the paragraph:
 - how long home schooled
 - interests/hobbies
 - awards/honors/scholarships
 - clubs/community service/church participation
 - mission trips
 - favorite verse
 - university to be attended
 - future plans

Video/Slide Show (see important note below)

We will be putting together a video/slide show of graduate photographs to be shown during the graduation. Please choose 12 photos of your child through the years. Email the digital photos to tcchomeschoolgraduation@gmail.com by April 1, 2022. You can scan them if they are not already in digital form. Name them with the following convention: first name followed by a number which indicates the oldest photo to the newest photo (ex: susan, susan, etc.). Files should be high resolution jpgs no larger than 3 MB.

Favorite Music

Download your favorite music as an mp3 file and email it to tcchomeschoolgraduation@gmail.com by April 1, 2022. This music will be used as part of the video presentation and should reflect the graduate's personality, beliefs, tastes, etc.

****** Important note:** Please do not wait until the last minute to try to gather these photo and audio files, and kindly do not ask us technical questions about the photo or audio files because you are not "technically savvy." We aren't tech experts either, and while we use volunteers who do have these skills to put our video together, they are not engaged until we have loaded all of your files onto a jump drive late in the process. We regret that we are not in a position to offer you technical support. We are all volunteers with limited time. Please ask for help from a friend or neighbor – even your kids will probably know more than we do! We have set an early deadline so that if you have not sent us something we can use, there is time to re-send something to us. Thank you so much for your understanding! ****

Photography

If you are interested in a special photo shoot following the ceremony (in addition to the photography services that will already be provided) for an extra \$20, please email tcchomeschoolgraduation@gmail.com by May 1, 2022 to make arrangements.

Attire

- This is a cap and gown event. Students are responsible for obtaining their own black caps and gowns. (See websites below where you can order supplies. Alternatively, you can borrow gowns or often find them at Thrift stores.)
- Wear a tassel in a color of your choosing
- Bring your diploma and diploma cover
- Wear honor cords (for those students in an Honor Society)
- Wear gold stolls (for students with a GPA of at least 3.5)
- Yes! It is okay for graduates to decorate the tops of their caps
- This event is special. Each student must wear “church” clothes – modest dresses for ladies; dress shirt, tie, and dress slacks for gentleman. Dress shoes should be worn. No gym shoes, hiking sandals or flip flops.

Display

Each graduate will have a table with black tablecloth (provided by TCC) to set up a display in the auditorium for graduation attendees to visit before and during the reception. This display should be made by the graduate/family and usually includes:

- trifold project board that has the name of the graduate, senior picture, any pictures, letters, etc. that communicates who the graduate is
- memorabilia about the graduate
- a basket/box for cards and gifts

The display will be set up at the mandatory rehearsal on Friday, May 13, 2022.

Address for announcements

If you are printing announcements, here is the information to use:

Triangle Community Church
4216 Kildaire Farm Road
Apex, NC 27539
10:00 AM

Guests, RSVPs

Please RSVP to tcchomeschoolgraduation@gmail.com by with the number of guests you estimate will attend this graduation by May 1, 2022.

Supplies

Suggested websites for supplies:

www.homeschooldiploma.com

www.graduationsource.com

www.trimandtassels.safeshopper.com (for honor cords)

Click [HERE](#) to register for 2022 graduation.

Click [HERE](#) to volunteer for 2022 graduation.

For questions and more information, email tchomeschoolgraduation@gmail.com

In His Service,

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