



2010 New Mexico Christian  
Home School Convention  
Calvary of Albuquerque  
April 22, 23, 24, 2010

CONVENTION COMMITTEE  
Graduation Recognition Ceremony

Terry and Cathy Blaschke  
Committee Heads

Dear Parent and Graduate,

It is truly an honor to host this year's CAPE-NM Graduation Recognition Ceremony to be held at Calvary of Albuquerque, 4001 Osuna Rd NE, on Friday, April 23, 2010 at 6:30 PM. This letter is accompanied by several important forms that must be returned to the Graduation Committee ChairFamily (Terry and Cathy). **If you are obtaining this packet via our web site, please print the entire packet-- there are 5 pages including this cover letter. Please RSVP the Blaschkes at 575-763-1569 when you download the forms or email them at [capenmgrad@yahoo.com](mailto:capenmgrad@yahoo.com) so they know an application packet will follow in the mail.**

Please read all forms carefully. Sign and return them to our Committee ChairFamily as soon as possible. Parents and graduates are to arrive at Calvary of Albuquerque by 4:15 PM on April 23rd for practice. No other family members will be allowed in the auditorium during practice. Doors will open at 6:00 PM for other family members and the general public. Please do not plan on saving seats.

We have added a signature line on the bottom of the Graduate Requirement and Guidelines Form. Send in the original signed by the parent and graduate. Please keep a copy for your records. Written forms **must arrive** no later than **February 15, 2010**. You will be notified that forms have been received with a postcard.

Send to: Terry and Cathy Blaschke  
2221 Fairway Terrace  
Clovis, NM 88101

Following is the CAPE-NM Graduation Recognition Ceremony Statement of Purpose. We trust it will give you a better understanding of why we conduct the ceremony in the manner that we do.

#### Statement of Purpose

Our purpose is to make a public statement that home educators can and should stay the course and finish the race. This ceremony is intended to inspire and encourage home school families, their extended family, and friends. CAPE does not endorse any one educational program nor provide validation of individual success. Rather, CAPE provides the opportunity to present the community of Christian home educators with hope and promise. It is our intention to let our light so shine before men that they might see our good works (home education IS a good work!) and glorify our Father who is in heaven (Matthew 5:18).

Because the concept of ceremony suggests a protocol or standard to be followed, *Requirements and Guidelines* for participation have been established. Please review them carefully. These have been established only after much prayer and deliberation. They are in no way intended as a means of "judging by appearance", but rather an effort to make sure appearance does not distract from what has been accomplished academically. We have attempted to make the standards as inclusive as possible, however, should you find yourself unable or unwilling to comply with the standards, we will respect your decision not to participate, and we want to take this opportunity to congratulate your graduate and encourage you to find an alternate way to celebrate your family's achievement.

May this year's celebration be a memorable one for you and your graduate.

In His Service,  
The Board of Directors - CAPE-NM

# 2010 CAPE-NM GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES

Graduation Recognition Ceremony - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- 250 (at least) word essay of your testimony on how Christ has impacted your life
- 65 word student biography to be read during the ceremony
- 4 pictures of the graduate for Power Point display (may want to include a recent family picture) Pictures may be digital or scanned and e-mailed to: Cathy Blaschke at: *capenmgrad@yahoo.com*
- Graduation fee
- Cap and gown order from CAPE-NM
- All forms must be returned and received in Clovis by Feb. 15, 2010
- **NOTE: ALL PARTICIPATING GRADUATES MUST BE HOME SCHOOLED TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS PRIOR TO GRADUATION\***  
\*If you have notified the state the last two consecutive years that you are home schooling, you will be considered as having home schooled for two consecutive years.

## DRESS CODE

WITH RESPECT TO THE STANDARDS OF CAPE-NM, WE REQUIRE THAT PARTICIPANTS FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES.

- **Hair: Natural** hair colors only. (No pink, blue, bright red, etc.)
- **Gentlemen:** Dress pants and button shirt with tie. No earrings or jewelry other than a watch and/or ring.
- **Ladies:** Modest dresses, not too short, with **modest neckline**. Pierced earrings are acceptable and all other jewelry should be modest and tasteful.
- **Conduct:** A manner that glorifies our Lord Jesus.
- **Body Piercings** are strictly prohibited. Examples of body piercings include but are not limited to nose, eyebrow, lip, or tongue rings or studs.
- If rules are disobeyed or disregarded by graduate at any time, CAPE-NM RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE PARTICIPATION.

## CAPE –NM GRADUATION POLICY

1. \*Students must be home schooled two years consecutively prior to the graduation ceremony.
2. The CAPE-NM board must approve any exceptions.
3. Students must follow Dress Code Policy and Requirement Policy set by CAPE or be subject to removal any time prior to and including during the graduation ceremony.
4. A 250-word essay of their testimony on what Christ has done in your life is a requirement to participate in the Recognition Ceremony.
5. CAPE-NM reserves the right to refuse participation at any time.
6. CAPE-NM cannot be responsible for any lost or stolen articles.
7. The views expressed by our main speaker giving the Charge are their own and are not necessarily those of CAPE-NM.
8. CAPE-NM reserves the right to edit biographies for length and content before they are read.
9. The diploma issued to the graduate by the parent or parents is not and cannot be in anyway presumed accreditation by CAPE-NM.

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE POLICIES AND GUIDELINES SET BY CAPE-NM FOR THE CAPE-NM RECOGNITION CEREMONY.

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Student signature

Date

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Parent(s) signature(s)

Date

# CAPE-NM 2010 Application

## GRADUATION RECOGNITION CEREMONY

### GRADUATION APPLICATION & INFORMATION FORM

*Please return this form along with all necessary materials  
(Application, Cap & Gown Order, Essay, Bio, and Pictures)*

**Must be received before February 15, 2010**

Please **PRINT** the following information, **as you would like it to appear** in the 2010 Graduation program

**GRADUATE'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include phonetic spelling for correct pronunciation.

**PARENTS' NAMES:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include phonetic spelling for correct pronunciation.

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

How many years will you have been home schooled consecutively at the time of graduation? \_\_\_\_

Does the graduate or parent need handicap accessibility to the stage? Yes ( ) No ( )

What is your recommendation for a graduation song? \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

**GRADUATE'S ESSAY:** Your essay must be at least 250 typed words on how Christ has impacted your life or your testimony. This is a very important part of your application, and we look forward to hearing how our Lord and Savior has touched each of you.

Does CAPE have permission to reprint excerpts? Yes ( ) No ( )

**STUDENT BIOGRAPHY:** The bio will be read by the MC at the ceremony. Please, type or print on a separate sheet of paper a paragraph of 65 words or less about the graduate. List awards, honors, activities, and future plans after graduation; and a final closing comment, wish, or praise. Due to the number of graduates and time considerations, any biography longer than 65 words will be edited.

**VISUAL PRESENTATION:** Please send four (4) pictures (**No slides, disks, or negatives**) preferably from younger to older, with the last picture being their graduation photo. We plan to project these on to a screen using Power Point while the bio is being read. Send your pictures with the paragraph about the graduate. Please, print graduate's name on the back of all pictures. You can also scan your pictures and send them to Cathy Blaschke at: [capenmgrad@yahoo.com](mailto:capenmgrad@yahoo.com) We will return actual pictures to you at the parents' meeting before the ceremony. If you plan a studio sitting, do so well in advance. Allow for plenty of time to get pictures to us by February 15, 2010.

Send all forms to Terry and Cathy Blaschke  
2221 Fairway Terrace  
Clovis, NM 88101

## CAPE-NM 2010 Recognition Ceremony Order Form

All graduates wear identical navy caps and gowns with matching tassel. This order form ensures uniformity. A discount on the graduation fee and price of the gowns is given to all CAPE members. If you aren't already a CAPE member, please consider joining now. The annual CAPE membership fee is \$25, and there is an immediate savings of more than that on the graduation fees alone. To join CAPE, go to <http://www.cape-nm.org> and follow the tab to "Membership".

Every diploma will be issued by **you, the parent** and in no way assumes accreditation by CAPE-NM or HSLDA.

No dressing rooms will be available; therefore we recommend all graduates come dressed for the ceremony. You will be given your cap and gown just before the ceremony.

**Please make checks payable to CAPE –NM** and mailed to  
Terry or Cathy Blaschke, 2221 Fairway Terrace, Clovis, NM 88101

**1. INFORMATION: Please Print**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**2. SIZING OF GOWNS** (Caps are one-size-fits-all) - Please indicate the number/size(s) of gown(s).

4'9"- 4'11"	5'0-5'2"	5'3"-5'5"	5'6"-5'8"	5'9"-5'11"	6'0"-6'2"	6'3"-6'5"

**3. Pricing**

Item	Qty	CAPE-NM Non-Member Price	CAPE-NM Member Price	Total
<b>Graduation Fee</b> (per graduate)		<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$15</b>	
<b>Combination Package</b> <b>Gown/Cap/Tassel/Diploma</b> Everything you need		<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$40</b>	
<b>DVD of graduation</b> (Note this DVD will probably not be available until late summer)		<b>\$12</b>	<b>\$10</b>	
			<b>Total</b>	

**Orders must be received no later than February 15, 2010 in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

CAPE-NM 2010 Graduation Recognition Ceremony Honor Society

## **National Honor Society for High School Students New Mexico Chapter**

Communities in New Mexico have a National Honor Society exclusively for home school middle school and high school students, the Theta Alpha Chapter of the *Eta Sigma Alpha National Home School Honor Society*. There are three requirements for membership: each home school candidate must achieve a required score on one of the nationally recognized tests, have a 3.5 grade point average on a four-point scale, AND have completed community service hours. Test scores must be 1800 on the SAT, ACT– 26, or PSAT – 180 (verbal + math + writing); 90% on the composite (complete) battery on the Iowa, Stanford, or California achievement tests.

This first chapter in New Mexico was established in 2003 and has grown to a membership listing of over 100. Applications are accepted year round with an Induction Ceremony held in the spring. Contact Donna Bracken at [wp1cop@q.com](mailto:wp1cop@q.com) if you are interested in applying or have questions about testing or transcripts. Please write in NHS in the subject line.

*Eta Sigma Alpha* is the charter honor society in the home school world. Its membership requires outstanding academic achievement and examples of higher education. The mission of *Eta Sigma Alpha* is to foster integrity in students through four aspects: leadership, community service, networking, and scholarship. Visit [www.thetaalphanm.com](http://www.thetaalphanm.com) for more information.