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- Support the promotion and protection of homeschooling in Iowa
- Receive a bi-monthly members-only e-newsletter
- Receive access to our website member portal with helpful resources and materials for our members only
- Be aware of events and opportunities of interest to homeschooling families across the state
- Receive \$20 discount on HSLDA membership
- Receive a free 3-month trial subscription to SchoolhouseTeachers.com
- Receive member discount at our annual conference
- Be eligible to participate in our statewide homeschool graduation ceremony
- Be eligible to apply as a volunteer for our conference
- Be eligible for membership in the NICHE chapter of the ESA National Home School Honor Society

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