



Kindred Family Commonwealth is more than a co-op or a school—it is a community of families dedicated to deep learning, mentoring, and personal growth. We invite families who are passionate about leadership education, committed to exemplifying lifelong learning, and eager to actively contribute to a culture of growth and excellence.

This application is designed to help you reflect on whether Kindred is the right fit for your family. As you read through and respond, consider how our vision aligns with your educational goals and aspirations for yourself and your family.

Family Overview

1. Parents' Names _____
2. Kids' Names and Ages _____

3. Address _____
4. Phone Number _____

Next Steps

- ☐ Send filled out application to governingboard@kindredfamilycommonwealth.org
 - ☐ Read *A Thomas Jefferson Education* by Oliver DeMille
 - ☐ Watch the LEMI Philosophy videos on lemi-u.com
 - ☐ Interview- contact governingboard@kindredfamilycommonwealth.org to schedule
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Vision & Commitment

- Our Guiding Philosophy

At Kindred, we subscribe to the principles outlined in *A Thomas Jefferson Education* and *The Phases of Learning* by Oliver DeMille and *The New Commonwealth School* by Aneladee Milne. These ideas shape the way we mentor, learn, and lead.

- Have you read these books?

☐ Yes

☐ I am currently reading them

☐ I am willing to read them before the start of the year

☐ No (If no, please share any thoughts or questions below.)

- A Community of Mentors and Scholars

Our community thrives when every member—parents and scholars alike—is dedicated to personal growth. We lead by example, pursuing our own scholar phase while mentoring and supporting others.

- How do you currently pursue your own education and personal development?

- How do you see yourself contributing to and benefiting from a mentoring community?

- Active Engagement in Our Community

Kindred is a place where families come together to learn, grow, and serve. Participation in classes, projects, and community events strengthens our shared culture.

- In what ways do you see your family engaging with and contributing to the Kindred community?

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- Do you feel prepared to a strongly committed and engaged community? Are you willing to attend social events/opportunities as much as academic ones?
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Learning and Leadership

4. Education in the Home

Kindred supports families who embrace the principles of Leadership Education and a scholar-driven learning environment.

- How would you describe your approach to education at home?

- What excites you about the opportunity to learn within a community like Kindred?

5. Ownership of Learning

At Kindred, we cultivate an environment where scholars take ownership of their education. We believe inspiring is above requiring— and in fostering a love of learning.

- How do you encourage curiosity and self-motivation in your children?

Community Culture & Family Readiness

6. Kindred Traditions & Culture

Our community thrives on shared traditions, leadership opportunities, and a commitment to excellence.

- What aspects of a strong, intentional community appeal to you most?

- What traditions or community-building experiences have been meaningful in your life?

7. Family Fit

We are looking for families who resonate with our vision and are eager to engage in the Kindred experience.

- What draws you to Kindred at this time?

- What are your hopes for your family's experience here?

Reflection & Agreement

Before submitting your application, take a moment to reflect on whether Kindred aligns with your family's values and goals.

- I have read and understand the principles of Leadership Education and the Kindred vision.
- My family is excited about engaging in this community and contributing to its culture of growth.
- I am willing to lead by example in my own education and mentoring.

☐ Yes, I/we are ready to be part of Kindred!

☐ I have some questions and would love to discuss more.

Signature of Each Parent:

Date:
