

2026 HUDSON VALLEY LEAH **HIGHSCHOOL GRADUATION**

We are so excited to be getting to work on this wonderful event!

An HV LEAH graduation ceremony is a special time for the graduate, as well as family and friends.

It is a beautiful, formal, faith-filled event with all of the usual trimmings: beautiful music, and your graduates processing up the aisle.

It also includes a time for each family to speak directly to and about their graduate, a slide show of graduate videos, and a lovely reception time.

With all of this to plan, we need to get started, and that begins with registration.

Please read the entire packet with your graduate before filling out the form online, and let us know if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing you all at graduation!

Please read all of this packet. Important links are at the bottom

When and Where

All graduation weekend events will take place at:

The Gathering
25 Golf Club Lane,
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Rehearsal – Friday, June 5, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

The Graduate and at least one parent are required to attend the rehearsal in order to ensure a smooth-running ceremony.

Graduation Ceremony – Saturday, June 6, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

Doors open at 10am

Reception - Immediately after the Ceremony

Guests - Due to venue capacity, we ask families to limit their guest list to **approximately 8-10 people per graduate**

We welcome:

- Grandparents and extended family
- Close friends, mentors, and community members
- Anyone who has played a significant role in your graduate's life—such as a coach, pastor, teacher, neighbor, or family friend
- Younger siblings and children (with adult supervision)

Event Fees and Information

We would love to keep costs down - this is the highest amount you would have to pay. We will do everything we can to give you the best return for your dollars.

Event Cost/Graduate - \$150.00

- **\$50 deposit** and registration form due February 1, 2026
- Remainder Due April 6, 2026
- Both to be paid via Sign-up Genius only using links which will be sent after registration form is completed, and again in the spring.
- **Late Fee Policy:** Payments not received by the stated deadline will incur a **10% late fee.**

Your fee will cover the following:

- A Beautiful Church Venue for rehearsal, ceremony and reception
- Decorations
- Photography and videography
- Printed programs and ceremony materials
- A Personalized Certificate of Participation
- A Senior slideshow and graduate bios
- Musicians
- A Reception with light refreshments

You will need to provide:

- A cap, gown and tassel (bought or borrowed through HV LEAH only)
- Graduate Profile Video, Headshot, 3-5 digital photos and short written bio
- A personalized parent speech for your graduate

* Further information about these items will be distributed separately after registration.

Diploma- Hudson Valley LEAH does not issue diplomas. It is the parent obligation to request a letter of substantial equivalence from the school district on behalf of their child.

Fees can be reduced for all graduates!

Read on to see how to help!

Volunteer Opportunities

This ceremony is a labor of love—organized by volunteers, supported by families, and made special by the contributions of our community. Here's how you and your graduate can help:

Reach out to potential sponsors (local businesses, family friends, church contacts)

- ***All sponsors will be acknowledged in the printed program unless they wish to remain anonymous.***
- ***Sponsors may contribute:***
 - ***Monetary donations (to be used for general costs or specific items)***
 - ***Snack/beverage donations***

OR help by...

- **Donation pickup**
- **Creating fundraiser**
- **Donating/Lending items yourself to help defray costs for all graduates (we will have a list)**
- **We will be asking other LEAH families to help the day of graduation with setup, greeting, ushering, cleanup, etc.**

Please indicate on the registration form how you would like to help! We are ready to give you assistance and organize groups!

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor (Ephesians 4:9)

Guidelines

We're including these so that you know what will be expected as far as behavior and dress. It is important to us that no one feels out of place or uncomfortable during the graduation ceremony and reception.

Please make sure that you are able to abide by these guidelines before registering for the event.

Graduates

- Please abide by the HVLEAH Dress Code and Code of Conduct
[HudsonValleyLEAH_bylaws](#)
- Will wear the designated cap, gown, and tassel
- May decorate their caps with respectful, creative designs
- Should wear appropriate attire under the gown—comfortable, modest, and ceremony-ready.
 - dress shirt/slacks
 - blouse/skirt/slacks/dresses
 - coordinated separates
- Avoid bulky layers or items that interfere with gown fit
- Clean, neat shoes appropriate for such an event

Families & Guests

- Please choose attire that is neat, modest, and respectful of a multi-denominational, family-friendly environment
 - Business casual or dressy casual is appropriate
 - Avoid clothing with distracting graphics, slogans, or excessive formality (e.g., tuxedos or ball gowns)

Notes

- This is not a prom or performance—it's a milestone of learning, growth, and community
- If you have questions about what's appropriate, feel free to reach out to the committee
- We celebrate individuality and comfort within a shared spirit of reverence and joy

- [2026 Graduation Form](#) - Graduation registration closes on February 6, 2026
- **2024 Graduation Video**
Watch a past event (despite some technical hiccups!) here: [2024 Graduation Video](#)