



## **Background**

During the past decade, GHF leadership, advisors, and other volunteers have helped fuel the Gifted Homeschoolers Forum's substantial growth. Volunteers have been essential to the ongoing efforts of GHF in supporting families educating their gifted/2e children in non-traditional ways. To that end, GHF created a network of Regional Contacts providing outreach to families in their local areas. This grassroots effort has helped to both spread the word in communities about gifted/2e homeschooling and provide essential points of contact for those beginning their homeschooling journey. Through these efforts, what began as a fledgling group has become the gifted organization with the largest social media footprint of any gifted group, organization, or business in the world.

## **Purpose and Goals**

Many of those associated with GHF either were from the outset or have become active leaders in gifted and/or 2e issues. To the extent that these individuals would like to support GHF and its mission in a way that is compatible with their other professional obligations, GHF has created a new volunteer category: GHF Ambassadors.

GHF Ambassadors would be an exclusive group, chosen by the GHF Board of Directors for their relationship with GHF and professional reputation and authority on issues central to GHF. Through their inspiration and work, Ambassadors would become the public faces of GHF, propelling GHF and the Ambassadors to an even more influential level where homeschool and educational choices for gifted and 2E children are concerned. This proactive team is vital to GHF as the organization continues to grow in global visibility.

The GHF Ambassador Program would allow GHF to call on these leaders in advocacy for gifted, 2E, homeschool, and educational choices. Ambassadors would represent GHF at the national and/or international level. Their support would be based on their expertise and availability, and could include legislative support, presentations and attendance at conferences, philanthropy, fundraising, public relations and/or presence in various media, such as talks, interviews, seminars, blogs, articles, books, and social media, as appropriate.

GHF would in turn recognize GHF Ambassadors formally, promoting their related work to our growing audience of over 300,000 people around the world.



## GHF Regional Contact and GHF Ambassador Programs side by side

Role	GHF Regional Contact	GHF Ambassador
Volunteer	Yes	Yes
Chosen by GHF Board	No	Yes
Current and Active Leaders in Gifted/2E issues, by way of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• talks</li> <li>• interviews</li> <li>• seminars</li> <li>• authoring (blogs, articles, books, etc.)</li> <li>• social media presence</li> </ul>	Not necessary	Yes
Promote GHF and Gifted/2E Issues in Gifted/2E communities	Local	National/International
Legislative support	No	Encouraged
Homeschool Convention Attendance	No	Encouraged
Philanthropy	No	Encouraged
Fundraising	No	Encouraged; GHF Staff support available
Public Relations	No	Encouraged; GHF staff support available
Complimentary GHF Membership	No	Yes
Promote their own personal work with the mention of their GHF title	No	Yes
Point of contact for those new to gifted/2E issues	Yes	Situational
GHF Staff support	Requests on a case-by-case basis; GHF literature usually provided upon request	Proactive support for outreach including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• reaching out to them regularly to ask about their GHF Ambassador-related activities</li> <li>• providing GHF literature for outreach</li> <li>• promoting Ambassador activities on social media, etc.</li> <li>• requesting their participation in events of importance to GHF's mission, such as conferences, blog hops, etc.</li> </ul>
Private communications channel	Facebook group and GHF website group	Direct to GHF Staff