



# Join the American Humanist Association



## Who We Are

The American Humanist Association (AHA) is a 501c3 non-profit educational organization founded in 1941 at the University of Chicago. The AHA advances Secular Humanism, a philosophy of life that, without theism or other supernatural beliefs, affirms the ability and responsibility of human beings to lead personal lives of ethical fulfillment that aspire to the greater good. We strive to bring about a progressive society where being good without a god is an accepted and respected way to live life.



## What We Do

We work tirelessly in courts, legislatures, and communities to defend civil liberties, secular governance, scientific integrity, and social justice.

The AHA has over 34,000 members and supporters and over 240 local humanist groups across the country. With our extensive local and national media contacts, our lobbying and coalition efforts on Capitol Hill, and the efforts of our grassroots activists, we ensure that the humanist point of view—the idea that you can be good without having a belief in a god—is represented.

Our adjunct organizations and programs defend the Jeffersonian wall of separation between church and state (Appignani Humanist Legal Center), advance humanist thought in the realm of education (Center for Education), endorse humanist celebrants to lead ceremonial observances and apply humanism to daily life (Humanist Society), and affirm humanism's commitment to social justice advocacy (Black Humanist Alliance, Feminist Humanist Alliance, Latinx Humanist Alliance, and LGBTQ Humanist Alliance).

In addition to traditional media, we engage the public through a heavy online presence. We also publish *The Humanist* (an award-winning magazine) and cover breaking news through articles on *TheHumanist.com*.

## What is humanism?

Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without theism and other supernatural beliefs, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good.

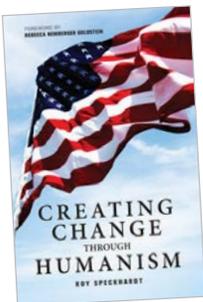
Humanism is a worldview which says that reason and science are the best ways to understand the world around us, and that dignity and compassion should be the basis for how you act toward someone else.



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DETACH AND MAIL

## Become a member today! Reduced rates available for incarcerated and low-income individuals.



New members receive:

- AHA Executive Director Roy Speckhardt's book *Creating Change Through Humanism*
- a free bookmark
- a one-year subscription to the *Humanist* magazine
- an order form for printed humanist courses

To join, complete this form, detach, and mail with check, money order, or \$2 in unused stamps to:  
**American Humanist Association, 1821 Jefferson Place NW, Washington DC, 20036**

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- Select membership level:  **Incarcerated Member: \$2**  
 **Low-income Member: \$25**  
 **Regular Member: \$45**



## Join Us

Help us further humanism by increasing our numbers and strengthening our voice.

AHA offers a \$2 reduced rate membership exclusively to incarcerated individuals. Membership includes a one-year subscription to the *Humanist* (4 issues), AHA Executive Director Roy Speckhardt's book *Creating Change through Humanism*, an order form for printed humanist courses, and an AHA bookmark.

To join, fill out the form at right, detach, and mail with your check, money order, or \$2 in unused stamps.



## Become a pen pal (on hiatus)

Our advocacy includes an appreciation of how contact with the outside world fosters a positive,

healthy, and hopeful attitude in incarcerated people. Unfortunately our humanist pen pal program is on hiatus indefinitely, but we will send updates if/when the program reopens.



## Email us

If email is better for you than snail mail, please contact us for general correspondence

on Corrlinks at [rspeckhardt@americanhumanist.org](mailto:rspeckhardt@americanhumanist.org) or on JPay at [enewman@americanhumanist.org](mailto:enewman@americanhumanist.org).

For legal needs, you can reach our legal team on Corrlinks at [mmiller@americanhumanist.org](mailto:mmiller@americanhumanist.org) or on JPay at [ioldfield@americanhumanist.org](mailto:ioldfield@americanhumanist.org).



## Form a humanist group and AHA Chapter at your institution

You have the right to form a humanist group at your institution and AHA can provide legal support to do so. Start by reaching out to the appropriate contact person at your prison and inquire about the necessary steps in forming a humanist group. If you would like to be an AHA Chapter, gather 5 registered AHA members, agree democratically to join the AHA and adopt the Humanist Manifesto, and write to the AHA Grassroots Coordinator at the AHA address. AHA chapters receive preference for educational materials and staff support on programming. Your group will be listed on our website and we will try to connect you with local AHA members and groups. We can share educational materials to help facilitate group discussions.



## Write for Inside the Walls

To increase the visibility of humanism thriving within the US prison system, a column by incarcerated humanists runs in the AHA's quarterly magazine the *Humanist*. We seek personal narrative submissions of 700-1,400 words on personal experiences learning about humanism in prison; incidences of overt religiosity and proselytizing among fellow incarcerated people; efforts to bring humanism to the prison; or observation of government endorsement of religion.

To submit, write to: Editor, American Humanist Association, 1821 Jefferson Place NW, Washington DC, 20036

We will send you a writer agreement. Authors are presented as first name and initial of last name to allow privacy.