

Midwestern Beekeepers Association (MBA) 2 YEAR YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION / AGREEMENT

OBJECTIVES

- To educate youth in the art of beekeeping and to promote a better understanding of the value of honey bees to our environment and to the food chain.
- To provide an opportunity for youth to experience responsibility and enjoyment through beekeeping.
- To provide an avenue for youth to engage in a vocation and gain the potential to pursue beekeeping as a sideline or a full-time vocation.

THE AWARDS

The Apis Award

- A Midwestern Beekeepers Association one-year membership.
- A beginning beekeeper seminar and textbook (**February or March**).
- Mentorship sessions in an apiary with a beekeeper.

The Youth Scholarship Award:

Year One:

- Protective clothing: full bee suit and gloves.
- A beginning beekeeper seminar and textbook (**February or March**).
- Three apiary visits with MBA beekeepers during the first year.
- A Midwestern Beekeepers Association annual membership.
- Mentoring by a Midwestern Beekeepers Association member.

Year Two:

- A complete set of woodenware for a beehive.
- A nucleus colony or package of bees for the hive.
- Basic beekeeping gear: hive tool, bee brush and bee smoker.
- A beginning beekeeper seminar and textbook (**February or March**).
- Mentoring by a Midwestern Beekeepers Association member until completion.
- A Midwestern Beekeepers Association annual membership.
- In the event that there is more than one participant per family in a single year, there will be only one set of the materials and bees awarded.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must:

- Be between the ages of **10** and **16** by **June 1st** of the **Award Year**.
- Be a resident of Missouri and live in Cass, Jackson, Clay, or Johnson county Missouri. **Note:** winning the award is contingent on finding a mentor geographically near or willing to travel to the applicant. If you have questions about a mentor, please contact the Youth Scholarship Chair or a MBA Board Member.
- Be currently enrolled in public, private, or home school.
- Have permission to apply from a parent or guardian.
- **Have no immediate family members that are currently beekeepers.**
- Submit application (**postmarked**) to Midwestern Beekeepers Association no later than October **31st** the year before the **Award Year** (unless previously agreed).

SELECTION PROCESS

- The Midwestern Beekeepers Association Youth Program Committee may arrange an interview with finalists and their parents or guardian.
- The Scholarship Committee Chair will award the scholarship and notify the applicant(s) after the January General Meeting of the Award Year.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT:

The recipient of *The Youth Scholarship Award* will receive the following at the beginning of their second year of their scholarship:

- Woodenware consisting of either three medium hive bodies or two deep hive bodies with frames and foundation.
- Bottom board, top cover, inner cover.
- Two medium honey supers with frames and foundation.
- Queen excluder.
- Hive Top Feeder.
- Metal frame rest.
- Nucleus or package of bees with queen.
- Beginner's equipment to start the beekeeping project (smoker, hive tool, and bee brush).
- Beekeeping text and instruction notebook.

The recipient will also receive the additional benefits:

- Midwestern Beekeepers Association membership for 2 years.
- Mentoring by a Midwestern Beekeepers Association member until completion.
- MBA assistance in extracting honey crop.
- Beginning beekeeper workshops.

The recipient *The Youth Scholarship Award* will:

- Agree to a two-year commitment from the Youth Scholarship Recipient and Parent/Guardian (Commitment begins in January) **Note: Parent/Guardian is expected to attend all activities with the student scholar.**
- Attend the Midwestern Beginning Beekeepers Workshops (1st year student and parent are responsible for lunch cost 2nd year no charge).
- Visit three MBA beekeepers (current members) during the first year and ask each beekeeper at least five questions and turn in a summary to the YS Chairperson of what they learned from those beekeepers by the Dec meeting of the first year.
- Attend MBA monthly meetings for the two years of this scholarship to help with set up/take down, registration table and tell a fun fact about honey bees. Must attend 9/12 of the annual meetings and be recommended by the board to progress to the 2nd year.
- Keep a written record complete with dates, photos and other pertinent data sufficient to substantiate all progress of beekeeping experiences.
- Complete two service projects. Service projects may include activities such as speaking to a school class or a meeting of a youth civic organization (4-H or Scouts).
- Present a final report of activities and progress including service projects and beekeeping records.
- Provide at least one State Fair entry related to honey or honey bees (honey, photo contest, gift basket, informative poster, etc.—ask for suggestions).
- Study the material provided in order to become an informed beekeeper and pass the required exam.
- Optional: Other optional opportunities to volunteer include but are not limited to: State Fair, American Royal.
- Upon conclusion of the 2nd beekeeping year, if the scholarship recipient has met all requirements, the MBA President or Youth Scholarship Chairperson will present her/him a **Certificate of Ownership** and full ownership of the colony and equipment.
- If, at any time during the beekeeping year, the youth scholarship recipient has neglected to care for the bees, no longer wishes to continue in beekeeping, or has failed to meet the end of year requirements, the scholarship mentor will take custody of the hive (including bees) and all related equipment. In coordination with MBA, the scholarship mentor will move the hive.

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APPLICATION

To be completed by applicant. Application is to be **handwritten** by applicant, not typed.

Name _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian email _____

Summary of your involvement in school, community, church and other youth or civic organizations.

Write a brief paragraph on why you are interested in bees and beekeeping and what you hope to accomplish if you are chosen for this scholarship.

Please attach to application a **letter of reference** from a teacher, community leader, or another organization leader (4-H, FFA, Boy Scouts, or Girl Scouts).

Name of person providing reference _____

Name of your School _____ Grade _____

Do you know a beekeeper? Yes / No

If yes, please include their:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

How did you learn of the scholarship program?

If you are awarded *The Youth Scholarship Award*, what is the “planned address” for the location of the hive?

Hive Address: _____

Bee Suit Measurements: Height _____ Weight _____ Shirt size _____ Pant Size _____

SIGNATURES

Applicant

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

CHECK LIST:

- **Full Application**
- **Reference**
- **Signatures / Waiver**
- **Notary**
- **Self-addressed stamped envelope**

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WAIVER / BINDER

We/I understand that honey bees are unpredictable and that the applicant, participating parent or guardian, and observers risk being stung by the bees. All medical treatment is the responsibility of the applicant's parents or guardian. Special risks, including death, from allergic reaction to bee venom, are inherent for (a) persons allergic to bee stings and (b) those who do not know whether they are allergic to bee stings, when those persons practice beekeeping, and although protective gear is being provided to the applicant, it is not a guarantee against being stung.

We/I understand that by signing this waiver I am releasing the Midwestern Beekeepers Association, its board members and officers, the beekeeping mentor and all other MBA members from any liability for all claims for damages and losses of any kind, including those arising from any accidents or mishaps which may occur to the applicant and/or the participating parent in the pursuit of this project.

We/I also understand the bee colony and equipment will be located on **owned property** of the **participating parent** or **guardian** and will remain the property of the MBA and cannot be sold, given away or destroyed during the qualifying period without the written consent of the same.

In the event that the applicant loses interest or can no longer pursue the beekeeping project, MBA will be notified and the equipment and bee colony and related equipment will be returned to the same.

Upon successful completion of the qualifying term and the satisfaction of stated conditions, the recipient will be presented a *Certificate of Ownership* upon such completion of the program and receive ownership of the beehive and related equipment.

PARENTAL CONSENT

I _____ am the parent or guardian of _____.
(Parent or Guardian) (Applicant)

She/he is not known to be allergic to bee stings and has my permission to accept this scholarship, if chosen.

Parent/Guardian: What do you feel the applicant can gain from this program? _____

Do you feel you can support and encourage the applicant in this effort? Yes / No

Does anyone in your immediate family have bees? Yes / No If so, who? _____

Note: Parents are expected to attend all activities with the student scholar.

Signatures below indicate agreement with the above terms and requirements.

SIGNATURES

Applicant Date Parent/Guardian Date

NOTARY PUBLIC: _____ Date: _____

Mail completed and **NOTARIZED** application, letter of recommendation, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Roger Wood
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Independence, MO 64050
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(Please call or write if you have questions)