

NORTHEASTERN KANSAS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (NEKBA)
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION/AGREEMENT

OBJECTIVE

- To educate youth in the art of beekeeping and to promote a better understanding of the value of honeybees 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 an avocation and gain the potential to pursue beekeeping as a sideline or a full-time vocation.

THE AWARD

- A one-year NEKBA membership.
- A beginning beekeeper seminar and textbook.
- A complete set of woodenware for a beehive.
- A nucleus colony or package of bees for the hive.
- Basic beekeeping gear: hat, veil, gloves, hive tool, and bee smoker.
- Mentoring by a NEKBA member for one year.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must:

- Be between the ages of 10 and 17 by February 1st of the current year.
- Be a resident of Kansas.
- 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 NEKBA no later than December 31st of the current year.

SELECTION PROCESS

- The NEKBA 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) by March 1st of the award year.

NEKBA YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

The recipient of this scholarship will receive the following:

- Woodenware consisting of two standard hive bodies with frames and foundation
- Bottom board, top cover, inner cover
- Two honey supers
- Queen excluder
- Feeder
- Nucleus or package of bees with queen
- Beginner's equipment to start the beekeeping project (veil/protective clothing, smoker, hive tool, bee brush)
- Beekeeping text and instruction notebook.

The recipient will also receive the additional benefits:

- A one-year NEKBA membership
- Mentoring by a NEKBA member throughout the year
- NEKBA assistance in extracting the first year's honey crop
- A beginning beekeepers workshop (if available during the year; ex. Funday or NEKBA's new beekeeper class registration).

The recipient will:

- Keep a written record complete with dates, photos and other pertinent data sufficient to substantiate all progress of beekeeping experiences.
- Complete two service projects during the year. Service projects may include activities such as speaking to a school class or a meeting of a youth civic organization (4-H or Scouts).
- Attend at least nine NEKBA club meetings (ask for dates or visit www.NEKBA.org)
- Present a final report of activities and progress including service projects and beekeeping records
- Provide at least one State or County 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.

If the scholarship recipient has met all requirements, the NEKBA President will present her/him a Certificate of Completion and full ownership of the colony and equipment. If, at the end of the beekeeping year, the youth scholarship recipient has failed to meet the requirements, or no longer wishes to continue in beekeeping, the scholarship mentor will take custody of the hive (including bees) and all related equipment. In coordination with NEKBA and the Kansas Honey Producers Association (KHPA), the scholarship mentor will move the hive to a selected KHPA state bee yard.

WAIVER/BINDER

We/I understand that neither NEKBA nor any of the Association members are liable for any accidents or injuries which may occur while my child is working with the provided bees and equipment.

We/I also understand the bee colony and equipment remain the property of the NEKBA and cannot be sold, given away or destroyed during the qualifying period without the written consent of the same.

In the event that _____ loses interest or can no longer pursue the beekeeping project, NEKBA will be notified and the equipment and colony of bees 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 Completion of the program and receive ownership of the beehive and related equipment.

PARENTAL CONSENT

I am the above named applicant’s parent or guardian. She/he is not known to be allergic to bee stings and has my permission to accept this scholarship if chosen. Furthermore, I agree that by signing this waiver I relieve the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association and any members from any liability for any accidents, which may occur in the pursuit of this project.

Parent or Guardian: What do you feel your child can gain from this program?

Do you feel you can support and encourage your child in this effort? _____
Does anyone in your immediate family have bees? _____ If so, who?

Signatures below indicate agreement with the above terms and requirements. Note: parents are expected to attend all activities with the student scholar.

SIGNATURES

Applicant

date

Parent/Guardian

date

Mail completed application and letter of recommendation to:
Beth Ward, 20100 Santa Fe Trail, Easton, Kansas 66020; (913) 680-1097
(Please call or write if you have questions)