

# Ohio Sheep Improvement Association

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## OSIA LEAD Responsibility

- Select a successful sheep breeder as a mentor, whom is geographically close to the recipient
- Provide a high quality ram or semen for breeding services, for the flock to produce high quality lambs to help the youth be successful and grow their flock, if the mentor does not provide the ram or semen the OSIA LEAD Council will work with the youth to locate a high quality ram or semen to use for breeding
- Provide report at the end of the year for the OSWP board of directors prior to October 1, 2017

## Applicant Eligibility

- Must reside in Ohio
- Must be 4-H age and no older than 17 years old
- Must be a member of Ohio 4-H or Ohio FFA

## Approved Use for the Funds

- Purchase only Ohio bred sheep
- Purchase at least 1 ewe lamb or yearling
- Purchase more than one ewe
- Purchase the ewes either at a public auction, online sale, or private treaty from an Ohio breeder, and have possession of the ewes by May 1, 2017.

## Recipient Rules

- Attend the OSIA LEAD end of year banquet, and provide an update on the flock status
- Enter and show the purchased ewes at 2 LEAD shows and the Ohio State Fair, if possible
- Communicate and cooperatively work with the OSIA LEAD assigned mentor(s)
- Period of Award: Beginning with any sales after January 1, 2017 and ending by May 1, 2017.
- Animals purchased with award funds must be purchased/registered in the name of the award recipient
- Award recipients are limited to single award eligibility and may not apply again.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, as the applicant/potential recipient of the OSIA LEAD Starter Flock Mentoring Program award acknowledge that I, in conjunction with my parent(s)/sponsor(s), have read the above terms and conditions and certify that I will abide by those as set forth. I am aware that failure to abide by the terms as set forth voids the award and will result in the recipient being responsible for repayment of grand funds to the OSIA LEAD.

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Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Sponsor Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## OSIA LEAD Starter Flock Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach the following to this application and return by January 31, 2017. Only complete applications will be considered. An interview may be set up and a decision will be made by February 15, 2017.

Please write an essay answering the following questions in 500 words or less.

- Why would you like to start raising sheep?
- What is your livestock background?
- Describe your facilities for your sheep as well as your place to provide the correct nutrition and care.
- Is your family aware of the requirements for owning and caring for sheep?
- Will you be able to exhibit the ewes at the LEAD shows or Ohio State Fair?
- What are your future plans?

Please include a letter of recommendation from a 4-H advisor, FFA advisor, or local veterinarian and also a letter from a person whom currently raises sheep.

Please return complete applications by January 31, 2017

Email completed applications to [jbeck@pettisvillegrain.com](mailto:jbeck@pettisvillegrain.com) OR

Mail completed applications to

Jordan Beck

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Wauseon, OH 43567