

MUSKINGUM COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
2017 Starter Flock/ Mentoring Program

MCSPIA is participating in the 2017 Ohio Sheep Wool Program Starter Flock/ Mentoring Program. MCSPIA will select an individual to receive funding for a ewe starter flock and provide mentoring. This program is intended to begin and support a young person wishing to become a sheep producer.

MCSPIA 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 MCSPIA 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 or attend school in Muskingum County, Ohio
- Must be 12-30 years of age

Approved Use for the Funds

- Purchase only Ohio bred sheep
- Purchase only ewe lambs or yearling ewes and more than one
- 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

- As the new sheep operator you will attend sheep educational programs and activities with your mentor.
- As your first year as a sheep operator unfolds record keeping and progress reports will be necessary in order for MCSPIA to compile an end of year report to the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association.
- 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 MCSPIA 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 MCSPIA.

Applicant Signature

Parent/Sponsor Signature

Date

Date

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MCSPIA Starter Flock Application

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City, Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please attach the following to this application and return by April 1, 2017. Only complete applications will be considered. An interview will be set up and a decision will be made by May 1, 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?
- What are your future plans?

Please return complete applications by April 1, 2017

Email completed applications to wscottbush@voyager.net OR

Mail completed applications to

Scott Bush

8845 Symmes Creek Rd

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