

JIM CLUFF MEMORIAL STARTER FLOCK AWARD

OHIO CHEVIOT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Purpose & Contest Rules For 2026

THE OHIO CHEVIOT SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION STARTED THIS CONTEST IN 1994 TO AWARD A STARTER FLOCK TO AN OHIO YOUTH UP TO 17 YEARS OF AGE AS OF THE FIRST OF THE CURRENT YEAR. THE PURPOSE WAS TO INTRODUCE THE YOUTH TO THE JOYS OF RAISING AND OWNING A PUREBRED CHEVIOT SHEEP AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF NEW CHEVIOT BREEDERS IN OHIO. THIS CONTEST HAS BEEN EXTENDED AS A MEMORIAL TO JIM CLUFF, A YOUNG CHEVIOT BREEDER WHOSE LOVE OF THE BREED AND WHOSE HELP TO YOUNGER BREEDERS WILL CONTINUE WITH EACH FLOCK PRESENTED.

THE SELECTED YOUNG PERSON WILL BE AWARDED THE STARTER FLOCK AS FOLLOWS:

- 1ST YEAR – 1 BRED EWE (NOT OVER FOUR YEARS WHEN BRED)
A YEARS MEMBERSHIP IN THE OHIO CHEVIOT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION.
- 2ND YEAR – 1 RAM
- 3RD YEAR – THE YOUTH WILL DONATE A LAMB WHICH WILL BE USED TO CONTINUE THIS AWARD FOR FUTURE YOUTH. IF THE LAMB DONATED IS NOT UP TO BREED STANDARDS, A REPLACEMENT LAMB WILL BE ACQUIRED FROM AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER AND THAT MEMBER WILL RECEIVE THE DONOR LAMB.

CONTEST RULES:

- 1) THE APPLICANT MUST NOT BE OVER 17 AS OF JANUARY 1, 2026 AND MUST NEVER HAVE OWNED A CHEVIOT BREEDING SHEEP, NOR CAN THEIR PARENT/GUARDIAN BE RAISING CHEVIOTS.
- 2) THE SHEEP ARE TO BE MAINTAINED IN A HEALTHY CONDITION AND HOUSED IN CLEAN FACILITIES. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SHEEP WILL RECEIVE ALL THE NECESSARY VACCINATIONS, WORMING, AND MEDICATIONS THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO GOOD HEALTH.
- 3) THE SHEEP ARE TO RECEIVE PROPER NUTRITION (PASTURE, HAY, WATER, AND GRAIN) TO ASSURE HEALTH AND PROPER GROWTH THAT HAS BEEN BRED INTO THE ANIMAL.
- 4) THE APPLICANT MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH THE COSTS INVOLVED IN RAISING SHEEP AND MUST AGREE TO SUPPLYING THE NECESSARY FINANCES AS NEEDED.
- 5) STARTER FLOCK EWES MUST ALWAYS BE BRED TO A REGISTERED CHEVIOT RAM.
- 6) THE SHEEP MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY THE ASSOCIATION DESIGNEE AT ALL TIMES. THIS PERSON WILL SERVE AS A MENTOR TO THE YOUTH FOR ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT RAISING THE SHEEP.
- 7) THE RECIPIENT OF THE BRED EWE WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT DESCRIBING THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH THIS EWE AND IT'S OFFSPRING IN DETAIL. THIS REPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 1ST FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS TO THE STARTER FLOCK CHAIRPERSON AND TO THE DONOR OF THE BRED EWE.
- 8) THE RECIPIENT WILL ALSO BE EXPECTED TO GIVE A REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATION AT THE SPRING MEETING OF THE OHIO CHEVIOT BREEDERS AS WELL AS INFORM THE STARTER FLOCK COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON OF THE RESULTS OF ANY FAIRS IN WHICH THEY EXHIBITED AT.
- 9) THE WINNER IS EXPECTED TO EXHIBIT THEIR ANIMALS AT THEIR COUNTY FAIR AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO EXHIBIT AT THE OHIO STATE FAIR.
- 10) FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THE SHEEP IN GOOD HEALTH, PROPERLY FED AND IN CLEAN FACILITIES WILL AUTOMATICALLY RESULT IN THE STARTER FLOCK SHEEP BEING RETURNED TO THE OHIO CHEVIOT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION. IN THE EVENT THE SHEEP IS RETURNED, THE OHIO CHEVIOT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY AS TO THE COST INCURRED BY THE WINNER. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM:

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