

Susquehanna Beekeepers Association

Young Beekeeper Grant Worksheet

Purpose: To promote local beekeeping by providing young persons with basic beekeeping knowledge and equipment. Equipment will consist of the following:

- One bottom board.
- One or more deep or medium hive bodies with frames and foundation.
- One inner cover.
- One telescoping cover.

Target Age: Persons age 14 to 18 residing in the Harford or Cecil County area.

Requirements:

1. Applicants must have an adult mentor from the SBA (to be assigned).
2. If the recipient of the grant loses interest in beekeeping during the first 2 years, he or she will return the used equipment to the association or compensate the SBA for the equipment.
3. The new apiary must be registered and comply with all state and local laws.
4. The apiary will be available for inspection by members of the SBA Board of Directors with prior notice.
5. The recipient will present a progress report to the general membership at least once each year during the first 2 years.
6. The apiary must be located in the Harford or Cecil County area.
7. The recipient will purchase his or her own bees and any additional equipment.
8. The recipient will maintain membership with SBA for at least 2 years and attend no less than 6 general meetings per year. Meetings are held monthly.
9. The recipient must enroll and complete a "Beekeeping Short Course". The SBA offers a short course through Harford Community College that fulfills this requirement. This course runs on Friday evenings, six sessions February through early April. Exact dates are available through HCC's noncredit division.
10. As part of the application process, finalists are subject to an interview by the SBA Board before the grant is awarded.
11. A parental consent and release form will be verified before the grant is awarded.
12. Painting and assembly of beekeeping equipment may be required.

**It is strongly recommended that Young beekeeper Grant recipients keep a beekeeping journal and volunteer at the SBA's display area at summer and fall fairs.

Funds:

The equipment provided in this grant is a start. To be a successful beekeeper, additional purchases are required at the beekeepers expense. These supplies may include: a protective veil, smoker, gloves, hive tool, additional hive bodies, frames and foundation. Price lists for beekeeping supplies can be obtained from the Internet and should be reviewed before submitting this application.

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