

Susquehanna Beekeepers Association

2021 Young Beekeeper Grant Worksheet

Purpose: To promote local beekeeping by providing young persons, in partnership with the SBA, basic beekeeping knowledge, skills and equipment. Grant equipment will consist of the following:

- One bottom board, one inner cover, one telescoping outer cover.
- Three medium hive bodies with frames and foundation.
- Bees may be available at cost through the SBA.

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

Requirements:

1. Recipients must accept working with an adult mentor from the SBA (to be assigned).
2. The recipient must enroll and complete the "Beekeeping" Short Course (via ZOOM) through Harford Community College or a similar course. The 2021 HCC Short Course runs on Friday evenings, March 5 through April 23. Enrollment forms are available on the web through HCC's noncredit division.
3. Since this Grant becomes a partnership between the SBA and the family, the recipient will purchase his or her own bees and any additional equipment (outlined below).
4. The recipient will maintain membership with SBA for at least 2 years and attend (in person or via ZOOM) no less than 6 general meetings per year. Meetings are held monthly.
5. As part of the application process, finalists are subject to an interview by the SBA Board before the grant is awarded (Interviews will take place in early February via ZOOM).
6. A parental consent and a release form will be verified before the grant is awarded.
7. Painting and assembly of beekeeping equipment may be required.
8. The new apiary must be registered and comply with all state and local laws.
9. The apiary must be located in the Harford or Cecil County area.
10. The apiary will be available for inspection by members of the SBA Board of Directors with prior notice.
11. The recipient will present a progress report to the general membership at least once each year during the first 2 years.
12. 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.

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

Cost:

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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