



TCBA Youth Mentoring and Scholarship Program

2019 Program Description

Purpose & Scope:

The Travis County Beekeepers' Association (TCBA) Youth Mentoring and Scholarship Program is funded by the TCBA in order to promote youth interest and participation in beekeeping, honey production, and apiculture education; while furthering the mission of TCBA to help educate the public about pollinators, and their importance.

The scholarship follows the guidelines listed below.

Conditions:

- Applicants must be 17 years or younger
- Applicants must reside in Travis County or adjacent counties
- Applicants are not currently beekeepers themselves.
- Applicants must follow the application process to be considered for selection.
- Completed Applications must be mailed in and postmarked by March 15th (items postmarked after March 15th will automatically be disqualified from the selection process)

Application Process:

The application process consists of 4 separate sections:

- a completed "Application & Agreement" form
- the Applicant's hand-written essay
- the Applicant's parent's written comments and approval
- an in-person interview with the scholarship committee - *April 1st, 2019*

Selection Process

Each section of the application process is graded separately. Incorrect or incomplete packets lose valuable points. The Applicant with the highest total point value at the end of the selection process is accepted into the Youth Mentoring and Scholarship Program, under the following commitments:

Recipients must commit to:

- attend the April TCBA meeting to begin the process.
- attend a minimum of 8 TCBA meetings during the course of their first year
- participate in at least one TCBA volunteer booth to help promote the importance of honeybees
- participate in the TCBA's annual fundraiser weekend event (date TBD) to help support future scholarships
- give a summary report of their activities (preferably via PowerPoint) to TCBA members at the November TCBA meeting

- attend the March TCBA meeting of the following year to give TCBA members a final report on their first year in beekeeping

Benefits to the Recipient:

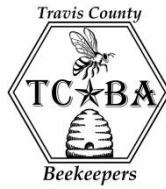
Recipients will be given....

- use of a beehive, a colony of honeybees, and all necessary gear and equipment to begin their journey into beekeeping for a year
- the help of a mentor to learn good beekeeping practices, and as a resource for questions throughout the year
- a family membership with TCBA for one year
- access to TCBA's extracting equipment to process his/her honey upon their first harvest

Successful Program Completion:

Upon successful completion of the year-long mentoring program, the recipient will be awarded the following:

- ownership of the beehive, bee colony, gear and equipment
- the opportunity to participate in the "Apprentice" level of the Texas Master Beekeeper Program at TCBA's expense
- a Certificate of Achievement



TCBA Youth Mentoring and Scholarship Program Application & Agreement

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: TX Zip: _____

County: _____

Date of Birth: _____ School Attended & Grade: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Email Address: _____

Are there other children in your family? YES / NO

How did you hear about the Scholarship Program? _____

Are you involved with other organizations? (4H, FFA, Scouts, Other, None) _____

Do you have other projects or agriculture interests? YES / NO If yes, please list them: _____

***Applicant:** Please **hand-write** a one page essay titled: "**Why I am interested in Beekeeping.**" Use this essay to tell us how you became interested in beekeeping, what your current experience with beekeeping is, what you expect to learn in the program, and what you hope to accomplish thanks to this opportunity, if you are selected. Please attach your one page essay to this application packet.

****Parent or Guardian:** Please write a **Parent Letter** to explain how you feel your child can benefit from this program, if you feel you can support and encourage your child in this effort, and how so. Please attach your written comments to this application packet on a separate page.

I. Terms & Conditions of Agreement:

- A. The recipient of this scholarship will receive the following:
- a. a beehive
 - b. a package or nucleus of bees w/queen
 - c. the basic protective gear consisting of a bee veil and gloves
 - d. a hive tool and a smoker
 - e. a family membership with TCBA for one year
 - f. a TCBA mentor who will be an advisor and resource person to work with and receive guidance from throughout the year
 - g. access to TCBA's extracting equipment to process his/her honey upon their first harvest.
 - h. ***Upon successful completion of the year-long mentoring program***, the recipient will be awarded the following:
 - I. ownership of the beehive, bee colony, gear and equipment,
 - II. the opportunity to participate in the "Apprentice" level of the Texas Master Beekeeper Program at TCBA's expense,
 - III. a Certificate of Achievement
- B. To qualify, the recipient will be required to:
- a. attend the April TCBA meeting to begin the process.
 - b. attend a minimum of 8 TCBA meetings during the course of their first year
 - c. participate in at least one TCBA volunteer booth to help promote the importance of honeybees
 - d. participate in the TCBA's annual fundraiser weekend event (date TBD) to help support future scholarships
 - e. keep his/her beehive in a safe manner according to generally accepted beekeeping practices
 - f. keep inspection and feeding records with dates, pictures, and other pertinent data to facilitate his/her November report to the TCBA.
 - g. give a summary report of their activities (preferably via PowerPoint) to TCBA members at the November TCBA meeting
 - h. attend the March TCBA meeting of the following year to give TCBA members a final report on their first year in beekeeping under the TCBA scholarship

II. Waiver & Binder:

We/I understand that neither the Travis County Beekeepers' Association (TCBA), nor any of its members, are responsible for any accidents or injuries which may occur while my child, _____ is working with the aforementioned bees or equipment.

We/I also understand the honeybee colony and equipment remains the property of the Travis County Beekeepers' Association (TCBA) until successful completion of the program. No TCBA provided items can be sold, given away, or destroyed during the one year mentoring period for the scholarship.

In the event that recipient loses interest or can no longer pursue the beekeeping project, TCBA must be notified immediately and all equipment, colony of bees, and hive must be returned in proper condition to the Travis County Beekeepers' Association.

We/I understand that any additional costs associated with this project that are outside of the initial scope of the scholarship (e.g. sugar feed/treatments/additional hive components/additional equipment) will be our responsibility and will not be provided by the TCBA.

We/I understand that upon successful completion of the year-long mentoring program, and fulfillment of the stated conditions, the recipient will be presented a Certificate of Achievement from the program, and receive full ownership of his/her beehive and related equipment to do with as they please.

III. Parental Consent:

I am the above named applicant's parent or guardian. He/she is not known to be allergic to bee stings and has my consent to accept and complete this scholarship if chosen. Furthermore, I agree that by signing this waive, that I release the Travis County Beekeepers' Association and their members from any liability for any accident or mishaps that may occur in pursuit of this project.

IV. Signatures:

Applicant

Parent or Guardian

TCBA Scholarship Chairman

TCBA President

Please mail completed application packet to:

2019 Application Deadline is March 30th
(All applications must be received by this date.)

**TCBA Scholarship Committee
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