

Joplin Area Beekeepers Association

Scholarship Program Application/Agreement

Objective

The objective of the Joplin Area Beekeepers Association (JABA) Scholarship Program is to educate applicants—youth and adults alike—in beekeeping. This program promotes a deeper understanding of honeybees' importance to the environment and food chain and provides participants with responsibility, enjoyment, and the potential to pursue beekeeping as a personal or professional endeavor.

The Award

This scholarship program follows a *work-to-earn* model. The club will provide:

- **Learning Material:** Educational materials will be provided immediately upon being awarded the scholarship.
- **JABA Membership:** A one-year membership in JABA will be granted upon successful completion of the program.
- **Mentorship:** Participants receive guidance from an assigned mentor throughout the program, including support during their first honey extraction, which may occur in the first or second year, depending on hive productivity.
- **Beekeeping Equipment:** Equipment includes a hive body, super (medium or deep), frames and foundation, bottom board, top cover, queen excluder, smoker, hive tool, and protective gear.
- **Bees:** Bees will be provided either as a split with an open-mated queen or with an introduced queen, depending on availability and the recipient's preference.

Note: All equipment and bees remain the property of JABA until the participant completes the program successfully. All equipment will be kept at the teaching apiary.

Program Requirements

Participants are expected to:

- **Attend JABA Club Meetings:** Attend all scheduled club meetings between April and October, with allowance for one missed club meeting.
- **Attend Open Apiary Teaching Events:** Attend all scheduled open apiary teaching events during the program period. A single missed teaching event can be made up with the mentor.
- **Attend the Beginning Beekeeper Course:** Attendance is required at this introductory course to support participants' foundational knowledge and practical skills.

Participants will also be asked to give short updates at club meetings on their hive's progress and share what they've learned through mentorship.

Eligibility

Eligibility is open to all applicants within a 60-mile radius of Joplin, MO. No age or educational requirements apply, though minors must have parental or guardian consent.

Program Committee

The Program Committee will select finalists and conduct interviews. If a youth is selected, a parent or guardian must attend the interview with the finalist.

Terms and Conditions

- The recipient of this scholarship will receive the items listed under "The Award." Any additional equipment will be at the expense of the scholarship recipient.
- The recipient will also receive the additional benefit of the right to participate in the association's monthly meetings.
- A Certificate of Completion and full ownership of the colony and the equipment will be presented at the January meeting if the scholarship recipient has met all requirements.
- Bees, woodenware, and protective equipment remain the property of JABA until successful completion of the program.

- Mentors will assist applicants in selecting an appropriate hive location but will not conduct setup work themselves.
- The recipient will be expected to attend a beginning beekeeper class and field day with a parent or guardian (if the recipient is a minor).
- The recipient will present short progress updates at monthly club meetings.
- The recipient will keep a written record complete with dates, photos, and other pertinent data sufficient to substantiate all progress reports.
- The recipient will give a final report at the January meeting of the following year.
- *For safety, recipients are encouraged to consult with a healthcare provider about the potential for allergic reactions to bee stings. If advised, obtaining an epi-pen and bringing it when working with bees is strongly recommended.*

Waiver/Binder

- We understand that neither JABA nor any of the Association members are liable for any accidents or injuries which may occur while participating in this program, working with bees, or handling related equipment.
- *We/I agree to indemnify and hold harmless JABA, its members, representatives, and the owner(s) of the property where the teaching apiary is located from any claims, damages, or liability that may arise from participation in this program, including but not limited to any accidents, stings, or injuries that occur during beekeeping activities.*
- *We/I understand that by participating in the program, there is an inherent risk associated with handling bees and beekeeping equipment. We/I acknowledge that these risks have been explained, and we/I accept them voluntarily.*
- *We/I further understand that the owner(s) of the teaching apiary property and any individuals responsible for managing or maintaining the site are not liable for any loss, injury, or damage arising from the use of the property for program activities.*
- We/I also understand that the bee colony and equipment remain the property of JABA and cannot be sold, given away, transferred, or destroyed during the program term without the written consent of JABA. Upon successful completion of the program and the satisfaction of stated conditions, ownership of the beehive and related equipment will be transferred to the recipient.

Application

Please complete the following information:

1. Basic Information

- Name: _____
- Date of Birth: _____
- Address: _____
- City, State, Zip: _____
- Phone: _____
- Email: _____

2. Military/Veteran/First Responder Status

- Are you a military member, veteran, or first responder? Yes ___ No ___

3. Transportation Availability (for youth applicants only)

- Do you have your own means of transportation, or will you be dependent on a parent or guardian for attending program events?
 - Yes, I have my own means of transportation ___
 - No, I will need parental/guardian assistance ___

4. Involvement

- Please summarize your involvement in school, community, church, or other civic organizations:

5. Essay

- Please attach a 250-word (or more) essay explaining why you are interested in beekeeping and what you hope to accomplish if selected for this scholarship.

Applicant Signature

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parental Consent

If the applicant is a minor, a parent or guardian must provide consent and acknowledge that they will relieve JABA and its members from liability for any accidents or incidents occurring during participation in this program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit the completed application and essay to a JABA representative at a club meeting by March 1. For additional information, visit our website at www.joplinareabeekeepers.com or find us on Facebook at Joplin Area Beekeepers Assoc.