

Sponsored by the Mississippi Valley Beekeeping Association (MVBA)

## Application

Name		Date of Birth
Address		City/Zip
Phone	Parent or Guardian	
E-mail	Phone	E-mail

Please use a separate page to attach a summary of your involvement in school, community, church, and other youth or civic organizations.

Please **write** a brief paragraph on why you are interested in bees and beekeeping, and what you hope to accomplish if you are chosen as a Youth Beekeeping Scholar.

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**Local Media Information:**

Please provide the name and address and phone # of any local newspaper you wish to be contacted if you are chosen as a Youth Beekeeping Scholar. If none, check here. ☐

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## Youth Beekeeping Scholarship Program

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### **To be completed by a parent or guardian:**

How do you feel your child can benefit from this program?

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Does your applicant have any physical disabilities that would not allow him/her to move in or around an apiary? YES or NO

Do you feel you can support and encourage your applicant in this effort? YES or NO

Does anyone in your immediate family have bees? YES or NO

If so, who? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you have bees in your area where the bees will be placed? (Please check with your county or city ordinance.) YES or NO

**Please submit two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members discussing the youth's ability to be successful in this program.**

### **Terms and Conditions of Agreement**

#### **The selected Scholarship Program Scholars will receive:**

- Woodenware consisting of (2) standard hive deeps, (2) medium honey supers, all with frames and foundation, a bottom board, inner cover and a top cover. (Assembly required)
- A package of bees with queen.
- Necessary equipment, including a smoker, hive tool, beekeeping jacket, and gloves.
- 1 year of membership to MVBA and ISBA, including newsletter, to the Illinois State Beekeepers Association
- Registration fees for Beginning Beekeeping Classes, including all educational supplies.
- Mentoring by an MVBA member throughout the year.

#### **The Scholarship Program Scholar will be expected to:**

- Attend the Annual MVBA Holiday Banquet of the current year for acceptance of scholarship
- Attend and successfully complete the agreed upon Beginning Beekeeping Classes the following spring.
- Begin keeping a written record complete with dates, photos, and other pertinent data to assist in sharing the Scholars' beekeeping experience with others as well as maintain communication with Scholarship Coordinator. This will be part of the final report given at the Annual MVBA Holiday Banquet when Certificate of Completion is awarded 2 years from year of acceptance. This written record can be presented as a display, scrapbook, video, or any combination of these.
- Successfully keep colony of bees throughout the year while monitoring, testing, treating for pest, preparing for winter and spring buildup, swarming, honey supers, extracting, etc.
- Attend meetings from approval in October (of acceptance) until completion of program. This gives the opportunity for the recipient to attend at least 6 monthly MVBA meetings (required) and gives the recipient the opportunity to experience over wintering their bees into the next year and manage swarming, honey flow, extraction, and bottling.

**A Certificate of Completion and full ownership of the colony and the equipment will be presented at the MVBA Annual Banquet upon successful completion of the program criteria and positive evaluation by mentor.**

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### **WAIVER/BINDER**

We/I understand that neither the MVBA nor any of the Association members are liable for any accidents or injuries which may occur while the applicant, \_\_\_\_\_, is working with the aforementioned bees and equipment.

We/I also understand the bee colony and equipment remain the property of MVBA, and cannot be sold, given away, transferred in any manner, or destroyed during the qualifying period without the written consent of the MVBA.

In the event that \_\_\_\_\_, for any reason, can no longer pursue the beekeeping project, the MVBA Scholarship Program Coordinator shall be notified, and the equipment and colony of bees will be returned to the MVBA.

Upon successful completion of the qualifying term, and the satisfaction of stated conditions, the recipient will be presented a Certificate of Completion of the program and ownership of the beehive and related equipment will be transferred to the Program Scholar.

If the criteria are not met, the youth will be required to return the equipment and bee colonies issued by the MVBA. If issued equipment /bee colony are not returned in good condition, the applicant and parent/guardian will be responsible for the cost of the issued equipment and colony at a cost reimbursement of \$700.00.

## PARENTAL CONSENT

I understand that by signing this I agree to the terms of the scholarship. I understand that there are certain risks involved in beekeeping, and I am willing to fully commit to work with my mentor towards a successful experience over the next year. If the criteria are not met, the scholarship recipient will be asked to return the equipment and bees to MVBA or reimburse the MVBA the sum of \$700.00 for equipment, classes and hive of bees.

I am the above-named applicant's parent or guardian. He/She has my consent to accept this scholarship if chosen. Furthermore, I agree that by signing this waiver I relieve the MVBA and their members from any and all liability for any accidents, mishaps, or other occurrences which may happen in the pursuit of this project.

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date

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Applicant Signature

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Date

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Youth Scholarship Program Coordinator

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MVBA President

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### Selection Criteria

- Youth must be between the ages of 14 and 18 by November 1st of the current year.
  - Applicant must be currently enrolled in public, private, or home school.
  - Applicant **must complete** and return all paperwork, including permission and agreement form signed by parent or guardian.
  - The application with supporting documents, as well as the waiver/binder form must be submitted to the Youth Scholarship Coordinator postmarked no later than **September 15th** of the current year.
  - All applicants must be new to beekeeping.
- Special considerations may be approved at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

### Selection Process

- After all applications have been received, a selected committee will carefully consider each and select finalists.
- Finalists will be contacted by phone on or before October 10. At this time, finalists will schedule a interview with the MVBA Youth Scholarship Committee.
- Interviews will take place during the middle/end of October.
- The Youth Beekeeping Scholarship Program Scholars will be announced during the MVBA Annual Banquet. At this time, they will have the opportunity to meet the scholarship recipients of the previous year.

### Application Checklist

- Completed application (You must complete all forms to be considered for the scholarship program.)
- Waiver/Binder form, including applicant and parent/guardian signatures
- Summary of Involvement (School and/or community)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation

For more information, go to [www.mvbees.com](http://www.mvbees.com) or contact the coordinator,

\_\_\_\_\_ at: \_\_\_\_\_ or call \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of the youth's application, waiver form, summary of involvement, and 2 completed recommendation forms should be mailed and postmarked ***NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15th*** of the current year to:

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MVBA Youth Scholarship Program Coordinator

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