

Benefits of Beekeeping for Veterans

SOCIAL

Find like-minded veterans
and network with
experienced beekeepers

HEALTH

Accessible physical outdoor
labor, improves mental focus
& clarity

ECONOMIC

Opportunities for small
business growth

ENVIRONMENTAL

Enhance local ecosystem

Donate!

A nonprofit is as strong as the community
that holds it up. Together, we can do more
than we can do alone. Let's bring our abilities
and passions together to affect real change.

**Support Veterans' Beekeeping School
with a donation to the Foundation.**

Scan to make an online contribution:



Mail checks to:

COBCF, c/o Winifred Williams, 5672 Payton
Way, Columbus, OH 43235

EIN: 88-1004736



Central Ohio Beekeepers Charitable Foundation

Central Ohio Beekeepers Charitable
Foundation is comprised of beekeepers who
are deeply committed to bee sustainability and
best practices applied to beekeeping.
The Foundation, a 501 (c)(3), is the fund-raising
counterpart to Central Ohio Beekeepers
Association (COBA).

In addition to Veterans Bee School, the
Foundation funds scholarships to youth to
become beekeepers.

Find out about **Youth Scholarships** at
<https://centralohiobeekeepers.org/programs>

<https://hb4l.org>

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VETERANS' BEEKEEPING SCHOOL

The Central Ohio Beekeepers
Charitable Foundation and The Ohio
State University Extension have
collaborated to produce Ohio's *only*
Veterans' Beekeeping School to
support central Ohio veterans.

Our Mission

The mission of Central Ohio Beekeepers
Charitable Foundation is "Honey Bees for
Life." The Foundation is organized
exclusively for charitable, educational, and
scientific purposes to provide funding and
a variety of supportive, educational
programming for the well-being of
beekeepers and the general public through
charitable giving.



How Does it Work?

Year One

Four (4) in-person classes, taught by experienced beekeepers.
25 hands-on apiary sessions, from early April to late September.
Purchase of protective clothing (jacket and veil, approx. \$80). Scholarships are available.

Attendance requirements: a minimum of 3 classes and 18 apiary sessions.

Year Two

Participants who successfully complete Year One attendance requirements will be given bees and hive equipment. The hive can be set up at the student's home or in another approved apiary.

Year Three and Beyond

Mentors from previous cohort classes are assigned to the new cohort members.

VETERANS' BEEKEEPING SCHOOL

Veterans' Beekeeping School is a two-year program to support Central Ohio veterans.



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How Much Does This Program Cost?
 Total cost of the program is \$1,000 per participant.

Other than the cost of a bee jacket and veil, the remaining expenses are covered by generous donations received by the Foundation.

How Do I Apply?

To apply, go to <https://hb4l.org> and look for instructions and deadlines.

Applications accepted starting in September. Complete details are at <https://hb4l.org/veteran-beekeeping-school/>

Acceptance is competitive. A maximum of 20 veterans are selected each year.

Questions?

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