

Youth Scholarship Eligibility

- The applicant must be between the ages of 11 and 18 by December 1st of the school year.
- The applicant must be a resident of Central Ohio.
- The applicant must be currently enrolled in public, private or home school.
- The applicant must have permission and agreement from parent or guardian.
- The application must be submitted to COBA no later than to be announced Scholarship Includes:
 - A two-year membership in the Central Ohio Beekeepers Association (COBA).
 - A beginning beekeeper school registration and textbook.
 - A set of woodware (hive bodies) for a beehive. bees and queen for the hive.
 - Beekeeping gear including a hat, veil, gloves, varroa test kit, hive tool and bee smoker.
 - Mentoring by a COBA member for one year.

Expectations of the Recipient

- This is a one-year commitment
- Must attend the designated Bee School which is held in February • Attend the monthly COBA general meetings
- Attend the 1st year Bee Yard at OSU Waterman Farms that is held on Wednesday evenings from April through September. This is the hands-on part of learning about your bees that the club provides.
- There are 2 presentations (including a power point) you will need to give the club: 1) in August focusing on your experience with your hives so far. 2) In April – How your bees did through the fall and winter.
- Other Events are: The COBA Pancake Breakfast o The COBA Picnic, The Bee Display at the Franklin County and Ohio State Fair, The Lithopolis Honey Fest (Your participation is a wonderful way to show others what you have learned.), The End of the year COBA Award Banquet

For any questions or clarifications please contact Nikki Sabato, COBA Trustee and Youth Scholarship chairperson, phone: 740 815-3322 or email: nikkiohio@hotmail.com.