

## **2017 Young Shepherds Award Application**

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The West Virginia Sheep and Goat Breeders Association with the support of The West Virginia Department of Agriculture have established funds to assist youth in becoming future West Virginia Shepherds. The intent is to develop starter flocks, develop breeding skills and increase involvement in their abilities of raising breeding sheep and goats.

Four *one thousand dollar* awards will be given to **Four** individuals between the ages of **9 and 21 years to purchase breeding sheep or goats.** Interested applicants should meet the requirements below and submit the completed application by April 15<sup>th</sup> allowing for May 1<sup>st</sup> judging. Good Luck to all young agriculturalists in your endeavors.

### **Award Requirements:**

- Applicants must be between the ages of 9 and 21. All applicants must reside in West Virginia.
- Applicant must appoint a designated mentor either a (parent, relative, neighbor, FFA and/or 4-H leader, or a fellow sheep or goat breeder).
- Applicant must consider breeding animals from the West Virginia Sheep and Goat Breeders sponsored sales. The intent being to start or extend the applicants own flock.
- The award must be used within two years of the presentation.

### **Application Process:**

- Complete the attached application.
- A selection committee comprised of Sheep and Goat Breeders will judge the application.
- Winners of the award will be announced prior to the West Virginia Sheep and Goat Sale on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.
- Attach one letter of recommendation from a 4-H or FFA leader testifying to your ability to build a sheep flock or goat herd.

Submit completed application forms to the address below or e-mail ([GrantCountyExtension@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:GrantCountyExtension@mail.wvu.edu)). All applications need to be **postmarked no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

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(Please fill out all blanks)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Years of 4-H and FFA Experience \_\_\_\_\_

School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of HS Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ ( If under 18)

Mentors Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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5.) Pick **ONE** of the two following topics to write about and explain in 100-300 words . (25 points)

(5-1) Looking towards the future explain and describe how you might be involved in the sheep and goat industry in West Virginia.

(5-2) What values will owning your sheep or goats instill in you?