

Utah Wool Growers Association
Application Form:
Perpetual Starter Flock Program

Goal:

To provide individuals who are 12 to 25 years of age (as of December 31, 2009) an opportunity to start his/her flock with a commercial sheep flock provided through the Utah Wool Growers Association from member flocks within the State of Utah.

Rewards:

- Recipient will receive five (5) yearling or five (5) two year old ewes.
- Recipient will also receive \$250 buying credit to be used at his/her discretion at IFA, C-A-L Ranch, or Steve Regan for procurement of basic sheep supplies.
- Five 'starter flocks' will be awarded each year.

Requirements:

1. Be involved in 4-H, FFA, attending an agricultural college or university or be desirous of becoming involved with the American sheep and wool industry. (Note: You do not have to be a member of the above youth organizations or be attending college to participate.)
2. Must be between the ages of 12-25 (as of December 31, 2009)
3. Attend the 2009 Utah Wool Growers Association annual meetings. After the first year, you may be asked to give a short summary of your project's success or challenges. Power Point presentations, slide shows, poster displays, short talks, scrapbooks or other visual aids could be used.
4. Attend the 2009 Utah Wool Growers Association awards banquet at the annual meeting. A complimentary banquet ticket will be provided by the UWGA.
5. Attend the annual Utah Wool Growers Association, and the Mountain States Meat Goat Association/Utah State University jointly sponsored Sheep and Goat Education Day. Complimentary tickets provided by UWGA.
6. Accept mentoring from a Utah Wool Growers Association member with regards to the ram breeding deployment for the starter flock.
7. Write and submit a one-page essay (questions on application.)
8. If under 18 years of age, submit a letter of support and endorsement from parent or legal guardian, and identify your mentor or request assistance in finding one.
9. Become a member of the Utah Wool Growers Association (\$15.00). First year dues will be paid by the Utah Wool Growers Association.
10. Attend the Utah State Ram Sale and assist with its function at Spanish Fork, Utah.
11. Recipient must be willing to spend a minimum of one day with mentor's range lambing operation and assist.

12. At the end of five years the recipient will be excepted to return (5) yearling or two-year old bred ewes OR each year for five (5) years, the recipient can return one (1) yearling ewe back to the UWGA Starter Flock Program in order to perpetuate and support the ongoing effort of this program for sheep and wool production sustainability within the State of Utah.
13. Be present at the assigned date for distribution and deployment of yearling or two-year old ewes to the 'Perpetual Starter Flock' selected recipients. Distribution will be no later than October 15th in the year selected.
14. Include a letter of recommendation from a non-family member verifying your abilities and personality characteristics that qualify you as a potential recipient.
15. The Utah Wool Growers Association fully understands the potential hazards of sheep production and is not desirous of placing any undue financial burden on young people striving to enter the industry. Therefore, if adverse circumstances occur beyond your control, such as predators, weather problems, etc., your commitment to return ewe lambs to the program will be reviewed and may be cancelled.

Name: _____

Parent(s) signature (if under 18 years of age) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Essay: Create an essay (one page) to include but not limited to:

- A. Why are you interested in receiving a UWGA 'Perpetual Starter Flock'?
- B. What are your goals in the sheep, wool and sheep dairy industries?
- C. Describe your current flock, if any.
- D. Describe your buildings/facilities.
- E. How can you help represent the UWGA and its producer members?
- F. **Applications must be typed and postmarked by August 31, 2009**

Send ALL "Application Forms" to:

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Please send all entries by U.S. Postal Service