

# TCBA Youth Mentoring and Scholarship Program

## Application & Agreement

**Purpose & Scope:** The Travis County Beekeeper's Association (TCBA) Youth Mentoring and Scholarship Program is funded by the TCBA in order to promote youth interest and participation in beekeeping, honey production, and apiculture education. The scholarship is open to all school age youths ages 18 years or younger, who are currently enrolled in a school program (public/private/homeschooled). Applicants must reside in Travis or surrounding counties who are serviced by the TCBA. Applicants should be interested in beekeeping, but are not currently beekeepers themselves. Recipients will receive access to a beehive, complete with honeybees, and all necessary equipment to begin their journey into beekeeping. Upon successful completion of the year-long mentoring program, the recipient will be awarded ownership of the beehive and equipment, as well as being offered the opportunity to participate in the Texas Master Beekeeper Program.

### **Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: TX Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there other children in your family? YES / NO

How did you hear about the Scholarship Program? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you involved with other organizations? (4H, FFA, Scouts, Other, None) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have other projects or agriculture interests? YES / NO If yes, please list them: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*Applicant:** Please hand-write a one page essay titled: "Why I am interested in Beekeeping." Use this essay to tell us why you are interested in beekeeping, what you expect to learn in the program, and what you hope to accomplish if you are chosen for the scholarship. Please attach your one page essay to this application packet.

**\*\*Parent or Guardian:** How do you feel your child can benefit from this program? Do you feel you can support and encourage your child in this effort? (Please attach your written comments on a separate page.)

## **I. Terms & Conditions of Agreement:**

- A. The recipient of this scholarship will receive: (1) a beehive consisting of either a single Langstroth hive body w/frames – or – a TopBar hive; (2) a nucleus of bees w/queen; (3) the basic protective gear consisting of a bee veil and gloves; and (4) a hive tool and smoker to start their beekeeping journey.
- B. The recipient will also receive the additional benefit of: (1) a family membership with TCBA for one year; (2) assignment to a TCBA member who will be an advisor and resource person to work with and receive guidance from throughout the year; (3) access to the Association's extracting equipment to process his/her honey upon their first harvest.
- C. The recipient will be expected to keep his/her beehive in a safe manner according to generally accepted beekeeping practices, and keep some kind of record with dates, pictures, and other pertinent data to facilitate his/her November report to the TCBA.
- D. Throughout the course of the year, the recipient will be expected to: (1) attend the April meeting of the TCBA in order to be introduced to the Association and assemble his/her beekeeping equipment; (2) must attend a minimum of 8 TCBA meetings during the course of the program; (3) participate in at least one TCBA volunteer booth to help promote the importance of honeybees and (4) must participate in the Tour De Hives weekend event in August to help support future scholarships; (5) give a report (preferably written or via PowerPoint) to the TCBA at the November meeting in order to update the Association on the results of their activities; (6) attend the TCBA meeting in March of the following year to give a final report on their first year in beekeeping, be presented with a Certificate of Achievement, and receive ownership of his/her beehive and equipment.
- E. Upon successful completion of the Youth Mentoring Program, the recipient will be offered the opportunity to participate in the 'Apprentice' level of the Texas Master Beekeeper Program. Registration and testing fees for this initial level of the TMB Program will be covered by the TCBA as part of the scholarship.

## **II. Waiver & Binder:**

We/I understand that neither the Travis County Beekeeper's Association, nor any of its members, are responsible for any accidents or injuries which may occur while my child, \_\_\_\_\_ is working with the aforementioned bees or equipment.

We/I also understand the honeybee colony and equipment remains the property of the Travis County Beekeeper's Association until successful completion of the program. Items cannot be sold, given away, or destroyed during the one year mentoring period for the scholarship.

In the event that \_\_\_\_\_ loses interest or can no longer pursue the beekeeping project, the TCBA must be notified immediately and all equipment, colony of bees, and hive must be returned to the Travis County Beekeeper's Association.

We/I understand that any additional costs associated with this project that are outside of the initial scope of the scholarship (sugar feed/treatments/additional hive components/additional equipment) will be our responsibility and will not be provided by the TCBA.

Upon successful completion of the year-long mentoring program, and fulfillment of the stated conditions, the recipient will be presented a Certificate of Achievement from the program, and receive full ownership of his/her beehive and related equipment

**III. Parental Consent:**

I am the above named applicant's parent or guardian. He/she is not known to be allergic to bee stings and has my consent to accept and complete this scholarship if chosen. Furthermore, I agree that by signing this waive, that I release the Travis County Beekeeper's Association and their members from any liability for any accident or mishaps that may occur in pursuit of this project.

**IV. Signatures:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
TCBA Scholarship Chairman

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TCBA President

\*Please mail completed application packet to:

TCBA Scholarship Committee  
9874 Wier Loop Circle  
Austin, TX. 78736

\*\*2017 Application Deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>