

2017 YOUTH CONSERVATIONIST PROGRAM

Sponsored by the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival

Youth interested in applying for the 2017 Youth Conservationist Program

* Must be between 9 and 18 years old.

*Submit an application postmarked by April 1, 2017 that includes:

An essay which introduces you, your experience with animals, if for any reason, the animal is not being kept at your own home, explain, in detail where it will reside **and what exactly your responsibilities will be, your essay should explain your interest in sheep, and** answers the question: "Why I would like to help preserve a heritage breed of sheep."

Each applicant must include a letter of recommendation from Their 4-H Advisor, FFA Advisor, veterinarian, teacher or clergy. The total application/essay should be no more than 2 pages in length

The applicant should indicate if they wish to be considered for a particular breed or for any of the breeds available.

The application must include address, phone and if available, email address. Interested young people should contact Elaine for an updated list of breeds available, then submit their letter of application/essay to

Elaine Ashcraft, 46118 CR 58 Coshocton, OH 43812
740.622.1573 tankewe_cr58@yahoo.com
please note the underscore between tankewe and cr58!
ALL ESSAYS MUST BE MAILED, WILL NOT ACCEPT EMAILED ESSAYS!

Requirements if selected:

Must be present to receive the ewe at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival on Sunday May 7, 2017.

Must exhibit the ewe at least twice in 2017 at: 1) a county fair or local sheep show and 2) the State Fair in the state where the recipient lives.

Must breed the ewe to a registered ram (of her breed) in the fall of 2017, should consult the donor breeder for their recommendations.

Must either use the ewe's fleece to personally make a wool item or sell the fleece to a spinner, felter or weaver.

Must submit an article the following Feb/Mar to their local newspaper covering their year and including information concerning the next year's YCP program.

Must submit a one to two page report, with pictures, to the Donor Breeder by April 30, 2017 and provide a scrapbook to be used at the Maryland Festival which is then given back to the youth.

Any questions please contact Elaine Ashcraft 46118 CR 58 Coshocton, Ohio 43812
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Donors choose the recipients from the essays submitted by the youth.