

NW SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION STARTER FLOCK AWARD

PURPOSE: To introduce young people who have completed at least 5th grade and who have not yet entered the 10th grade, and who are actively involved in an organized 4-H livestock club or FFA chapter, to the joys of raising sheep: SPECIFICALLY SHROPSHIRE.

AWARD: A young person will be selected on the basis of application, essay, interview, and letters of support. The winner will receive three bred, registered Shropshire producing ewes and one ewe lamb. The winner will keep the animals for one year, returning the two youngest producing ewes to the Association by July 15th to continue the Starter Flock. The winner will keep the oldest producing ewe, the yearling ewe, and the first year lamb crop.

RULES:

Applications must be submitted to the Secretary of the NW Shropshire Association by July 15th. The winner will receive the ewe lamb at the Awards Ceremony at Oregon State Fair. It is the winner's responsibility to pick up the producing ewes at a later date (October) from the farm providing breeding service.

The sheep are to be maintained in a healthy condition, which means that they will receive all necessary vaccinations, worming, and medications to assure good health. The NW Shropshire Association is not responsible for health problems that develop or are incurred at the winner's farm. The NW Shropshire Association is not responsible for injury caused by a Starter Flock animal.

The sheep are to receive proper nutrition (pasture, hay and grain) to assure health and proper growth. The applicant must be familiar with the costs involved in raising sheep and agree to supply the necessary finances needed.

All ram lambs must be castrated the first year.

The sheep and winner's farm must be available for inspection by Association members at all times.

The winner will be expected to attend the winter meeting of the NW Shropshire Association to report to the members on the progress of the flock.

The winner will be expected to show the animals (yearling and lambs) at his/her County Fair, and if eligible, at the State Fair.

Failure to maintain the sheep in good health, properly fed, and in clean facilities will automatically result in the sheep being returned to the Association.

It is the responsibility of the winner to return the two youngest producing ewes to the Association by July 15th.

The Association members will review all applications. The finalists and their parents or guardians will be asked to attend a personal interview.

Final selection will be based on application, interview, and letters of support. Only complete applications with all the required attachments will be considered.

The NW Shropshire Starter Flock committee reserves the right to suspend issuance of the Starter Flock due to lack of number or quality of application.

Members of the Association are available for information, assistance, and encouragement as needed by the winner.

The winner must give a ewe back to the Starter Flock Program within three years. The female may be up to 5 years old and must be approved by a committee from the NW Shropshire Association. The ewe must test at least QR at Codon 171 for Scrapie.

WE HAVE READ ALL THE RULES AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM, IF WE RECEIVE THE NW SHROPSHIRE STARTER FLOCK.

(Applicant)

(Parent or Guardian)

(Secretary, NW Shropshire Association)

(Date)

NW SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION STARTER FLOCK APPLICATION

Name: _____ Grade in School: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____ Phone #: _____

4-H Club Name or FFA Chapter: _____

Club or Chapter Leader: _____

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION:

(Only complete applications will be considered.)

Essay by the applicant must include:

Why are you applying?

What is your livestock background?

What facilities do you have or will provide for sheep?

Are you able to supply the necessary feed, medicine, showing, etc.?

What are your plans for the future?

Letter of support from parent or guardian must include:

Are you willing to assist with the time, finances, and encouragement that may be required?

Will you see that the rules are adhered to?

Letter of recommendation from someone outside the family.

Copy of applicant's 4-H or FFA Permanent Records.

Copy of estimated budget.

Signed and dated copy of rules.

A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE APPLICANT'S 4-H OR FFA LEADER MUST BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE NW SHROPSHIRE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION.

SUBMIT APPLICATION BY JULY 15th TO:

Ashley Harold
Secretary, NW Shropshire Breeders Association
P.O Box 454
Tenino, WA 98589