

STARTER FLOCK PROGRAM

The Starter Flock Program was initiated with the intent to encourage and assist young people to enter the sheep and wool industries and to help sustain this important food and fiber industry and our American culture.

Each recipient will receive ten (10) ewes. These ewes will be purchased by the Kansas Sheep Association in the spring. The KSA will also provide the recipient with a list of producers who have volunteered to supply a RR ram; and it will be their responsibility to contact that producer and make arrangements to secure the ram.

The program is available to Kansas residents between the ages of 12 and 25. Applications must be submitted by mail or email by January **15** of each year to:

Deb Simon
2598 County Rd. 78
Quinter, KS 67752
785-754-3654
kssheep@ruraltel.net

Participants must:

- Have a strong desire to become involved in the sheep industry. (Active involvement in 4-H and/or FFA is considered beneficial, but is not necessary.)
- Submit an application **by January 15.**
- Be a Kansas resident between the ages of 12 and 25 as of January 15 of the year of application.
- Attend the Kansas Sheep Day program in the year sheep are received in order to be recognized and the 2nd year to give a progress report.
- Accept mentoring from a designated KSA member within the region to assist with production questions and/or issues.
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from persons who are not family members to Deb Simon as instructed above **by January 15.**
- Submit a letter of support and endorsement from a parent or legal guardian to Deb Simon as instructed above by January 15 if applicant is under the age of 21.
- Become a member of the KSA.
- Repay 20% of the original cost of the ewes in September of the second, third, and fourth years of the program to the KSA in order to perpetuate and support the ongoing effort of this program.
- If deemed necessary an interview will be used to select recipients.

For Further information, contact:

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STARTER FLOCK PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Please answer the following questions, print and sign the document. Submit the completed form **by January 15 to Deb Simon** as instructed on page 1.

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

1. Why are you interested in receiving a KSA "Perpetual Starter Flock?"

2. What are your short-term goals in the sheep industry?

3. What are your long-term goals in the sheep industry?

4. Describe your current flock or sheep involvement, if any. Do you have a preference of commercial, club lamb or registered flock? If so include your preference.

5. Describe your buildings / facilities.

6. What would you do to promote this program and the KSA?

By signing below, I understand the above requirements (page 2) as well as the financial requirements and time commitment of owning livestock. I also agree to raise them in a humane and nurturing environment.

Applicant signature

Parent or Legal guardian signature
(If applicant is under the age of 21)

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Mentor Program: All Starter Flock recipients are required to have a sheep mentor. We prefer that the mentor is an active member of Kansas Sheep Association. We also recommend applicants choose a mentor that is not a family member. The mentor will provide updates on the recipient they mentor at KSA board meetings.

Mentor Name _____

Mentor Phone Number _____

Mentor Email _____

_____ I do not have a mentor and request that the board provide me with one.