

Lorain County Beekeepers Association

Youth Education Program

To advance the LCBA's mission of educating the public about the value of honeybees and the impact honeybees have on our world, the Association sponsors a Youth Education Program.

Selection Criteria and Process for the LCBA Youth Education Program:

1. Students must be between the ages of 11 and 18.
2. A program application and questionnaire must be submitted along with supporting documents.
3. A selection committee will consider each application and select students for the program.
4. LCBA will provide the opportunity to students to work with an experienced beekeeper on the following activities (but not limited to): Installing bees in a hive; Feeding bees; Inspecting Hives; Disease management; Extracting honey; Winter preparation.
5. After completing one year of the program the student will be eligible to apply for a sponsorship that would provide: a Beginner Beekeeper's Kit (see appendix) and a package of bees.

Students will be expected to:

- Attend all 4 of LCBA's Beginner Beekeeping classes.
- Attend 9 of LCBA's monthly meetings.
- Participate/assist in 6 hive inspections .
- Work with the County Bee Inspector during an apiary inspection.
- Keep a written record complete with dates, photos, and other pertinent data to assist in sharing the student's beekeeping experience with others.
- Provide updates (photos, short diary) for the LCBA newsletter. Deadlines: May 1st and September 1st
- Take part in Lorain County Fair activities such as: sharing their beekeeping activities; observing honey judging; etc.
- Present a final report (could be a display, scrapbook, paper, video, etc) to the LCBA membership at the December monthly meeting.

LCBA Youth Education Program Application – 2021

Student's Name _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Parent Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

LCBA Youth Education Program - Questionnaire – 2021

To be completed by the Student (if needed, attach additional pages):

Why are you interested in bees and beekeeping?

What do you hope to accomplish if you are chosen as a student in the LCBA Youth Education Program?

Summarize your involvement in school and extracurricular activities such as: 4-H, FFA, church, youth groups or civic organizations:

To be completed by a 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? YES or NO

Please explain:

Do you or anyone in your immediate family have bees? YES or NO

Please explain:

LCBA Youth Education Program – Waiver and Consent – 2021

Waiver / Parental Consent

I understand that neither LCBA nor any of the Association members are liable for any accidents or injuries which may occur while my child, _____, is working with the bees and equipment.

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 this program if chosen. Furthermore, I agree that by signing this waiver I relieve the LCBA and their members from any and all liability for any accidents, mishaps, or other occurrences which may happen in the pursuit of this project.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

I understand that by signing this I agree to the terms of the program. I understand that there are certain risks involved in beekeeping, and I am willing to fully commit to work with LCBA towards a successful experience over the next year.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian

Date

LCBA Youth Education Program - Sponsor Agreement – 2021

LCBA agrees to provide:

- Membership for the applicant and their parents/guardian to the local association for a year including all privileges of a normal member.
- Free attendance to the beginner beekeeping classes.
- Mentorship to assist the student with questions and problems and provide opportunities to meet all criteria.

LCBA Signature

Date

Application Checklist

1. Completed application
2. Completed Questionnaire
3. Signed Waiver/Parental consent, and LCBA Sponsor Agreement with all designated signatures.
4. Two typed letters of recommendation from non-family members.

Submit the completed application to: LCBA

C/O Marilyn
15177 Diagonal Road
Lagrange, OH 44050

The completed application package is due by: February 1, 2021

Other:

Bee proof clothing and a veil is required when ever working with bees.

Purchasing a beginning Beekeepers book is recommended, such as [Beekeeping for Dummies.](#)

Check the LCBA website - www.loraincountybeekeepers.org- for monthly meeting dates and times and beginner beekeeping classes dates and times. All meetings and classes are held at: Life Church

1033 Elm Street
Grafton, OH 44044

Appendix

Beginner Beekeepers' Kit to Build/Paint

This includes:

One deep hive kit with frames and foundation

Telescoping Cover

Inner Cover

Helmet/Veil Combo

Hive Tool

Feeder

Smoker

Gloves

One Package of Bees

Other needs and costs to consider that the Student would be responsible for:

Second Deep Box

Honey Supers

Smoker Fuel

Feed

Pollen Patties

Mite Treatment