

South Dakota Sheep Growers Association Supports Young Sheep Producers
attending the American Sheep Industry Association's Annual Convention
January 31 – February 3rd, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas!

The South Dakota Sheep Growers Association has established a travel grant fund to assist young producers attending the American Sheep Industry Association's annual convention being held on January 31- February 3, 2018 in San Antonio, Texas,

The South Dakota Sheep Growers Association urges young producers to consider this unique opportunity to attend the American Sheep Industry Association's Annual Convention. It is a great opportunity to connect with fellow sheep industry stakeholders from across the nation. ASI staff have planned an exciting convention with many educational, informational and networking sessions that will provide a better understanding of the opportunities for young producers in the sheep industry. Everyone who attends is sure to return with enthusiasm and a positive perspective for a future in the sheep industry.

The SD Sheep Growers Association raised \$2800 in a roll over auction during their 79th annual convention to support the attendance of younger sheep producers to the ASI Annual Convention.

Eligibility requirements to be considered for travel grant include:

1. Applicant be between 18 and 45 years of age.
2. Applicant is a paid member of the South Dakota Sheep Growers Association
3. Applicant is actively producing and/or feeding sheep in [South Dakota](#)
4. Applicant has interest in becoming a lifelong sheep producer and/or lamb feeder

To apply contact Dave Ollila, SDSU Extension Sheep Field Specialist at (605) 569-0224 or david.ollila@sdstate.edu . Based on the number of eligible candidates, we will divide the dollars (limited to \$750/operation) among the eligible young entrepreneurs attending.

Deadline to apply: January 5, 2018 with grants announced January 6, 2018

Additionally, the American Sheep Industry Association is discounting the registration fee \$200 for Young Entrepreneurs who are SD Sheep Growers Association members. Please go to http://www.sheepusa.org/About_Events_Convention to view all the details for the convention.

To become a South Dakota Sheep Growers Association member, please contact SDSGA Treasurer Tammy Basel at tbasel@gwtc.net or call Tammy at (605) 985-5205.

Visit the South Dakota Sheep Growers Association's website at www.sdsheepgrowers.org to find contact information of the Director for your region to discuss the value of attending the national convention.