

**Kansas Honey Producers
Youth Scholarship Grant
2021**

Kansas Honey Producers Youth Scholarship Grant for learning the art and science of beekeeping.

Grant offering: The Kansas Honey Producers Association (KHPA) is offering funds to individuals working with youth through scouting organizations, 4-H, church affiliation, school clubs, FFA, FCCLA, or other similar groups, to increase knowledge of beekeeping, and the role of the honey bee in food pollination and the production of honey. The grant will include: Woodenware for 2 bee hives (Langstroth style, standard 10 frame equipment), bees, safety equipment (veils, gloves, suits—quantity to be determined, one smoker), instruction (classes, meetings, mentor, written material) and membership in the Kansas Honey Producers.

At the discretion of the Kansas Honey Producers, the program will run for up to 2 years.

The grantee agrees to work with the mentor and utilize best-practice beekeeping. The grantee will become the beekeeping leader of the targeted youth group and will organize instructional opportunities with the mentor and the youth group. The adult grantee will provide additional instruction to the youth group to help them understand the role of honeybees in agriculture today.

During the first year, the focus will be establishment of healthy hives. The mentor will help with all phases of beekeeping and honey harvest but the grantee will be ultimately responsible for the care of the bee hives.

The second year will include the possibility of splitting hives and opportunities for growth, re-queening, value added products from the hive and making the most from your hives.

Grant application will include:

I. Cover letter:

Address your cover letter to:

Julie Cahoj, 3rd Vice President, Promotions Chair

15189 Rd BB

Atwood KS 66730

Note: All parts of the application are to be postmarked and mailed to the above address no later than October 10, 2020.

Include your **complete contact information** for all adult applicants, impact group (age/demographics), the number of youth involved (or anticipated) in your program and an over view of what you hope to accomplish with this grant. It is recommended that at least 2 adults support this project to enable attendance at mandatory education opportunities/meetings by at least one leader.

Contact information: phone, mailing address, email address

II. Needs and Goals:

What do you want from KHPA? What do you expect to achieve through your program or how will honey bees enhance what you are already doing? Explain how you will impact your community with this grant/scholarship. What do you hope to accomplish and what will be your ultimate outcome?

III. Program Design:

Describe how you will transfer the knowledge of beekeeping to the targeted youth group. At the end of year two, how will you sustain this program and how will it continue to positively impact your community?

IV. Evaluation:

How will you determine if your program is successful?

V. Legalities:

Where do you intend to keep the beehives? Include an aerial photo of the area where hives will be placed. Label surrounding ground with what type of forage is available or agricultural use (hay pasture, tilled ground planted to soy beans, suburban lawn, orchard, etc.).

It is your responsibility to investigate laws in your city/town/community to determine any statutes limiting keeping bees. (These laws are often included in laws governing livestock.) Please include statements from other governing bodies (school administrators, 4-H leaders, advisors, etc.) who will have input that could impact the successful operation of this project.

VI. Obligation:

The bee hives and all the equipment purchased shall remain the property of the KHPA until the successful completion of the grant project (2 years). At that time, the grantee takes ownership and assumes all responsibility for the hives and equipment. Should the grantee or KHPA discontinue the project before the end of the 2 -year term, all property will return to KHPA. At the end of **each year**, the grantee will present a brief summary of progress to the KHPA membership. Documentation of work will include a notebook including a written log of activities, dates of meetings (both with mentor and separately with the youth), and pictures of progress. The grantee will attend semiannual meetings of the KHPA (registration fees are included in the grant, travel and other expenses are the responsibility of the grantee). Failure to attend all regularly scheduled meetings during the 2-year period of the grant will result in termination of the grant and forfeiture of the hives

and equipment. (Meetings may be held anywhere in the state of Kansas. Distance to the meeting is not considered an acceptable reason not to attend these valuable learning opportunities.) (The KHPA mentor is not a representative of the grant recipients and should not be expected to deliver the grant report.)

Education

Grantee and youth will endeavor to join and participate in any local beekeeping associations, taking advantage of seasonal classes and meetings.

Grantee (with or without youth) will attend:

- All KHPA regular meetings held within the 2-year time frame of the grant. KHPA meetings information may be reviewed on our website at www.Kansashoneyproducers.org .
- Two meetings are held each year in the spring and fall.
- One additional new beekeeper class each year held by one of the regional areas in Kansas (NEKBA, SCKBA, SEKBA, NCKBA (etc.)
- One workshop featuring at the hives observations during the first year of operation. (ex. NEKBA FUNDAY)

State Fair

- Participate in the Kansas State Fair with an entry in a minimum of 2 categories. (Any eligible category of honey entry, food entry with honey, 4-H self-determined project, and/or bee photography.)
- Working the KHPA booth during the Kansas State Fair is appreciated but not required. Workers may include youth participants but should be limited to those 10 years of age and older and each child must be accompanied by an adult worker.

Either party may discontinue the grant/scholarship at any time by contacting the grant administrator listed above.

At the end of the 2-year term, all equipment, bees and hives will become property of the organization to which the youth and adult-support subscribe. But, in the possibility that the program is discontinued, it is the request of the Kansas Honey Producers Association that the grant group would consider returning all to the equipment to KHPA in that others might benefit from its continued use.

VII. Disclaimer:

Honey Bees are wild animals (not domesticated live stock). They may not behave in a predictable manner. Every precaution will be taken to provide a safe learning environment and instruction will be given in the proper use of safety equipment and safe handling of the bees. Those working with the bees, both adult leaders and participating youth, accept responsibility for potential stings. Some people may be allergic to bee stings and sting incidents have even led to death. Kansas Honey

Producers may not be held liable for any injury caused by the honey bees, hive, or equipment failure while working with the bees. The accepting party will take every precaution to ensure the safe management of the bees and accept responsibility for keeping the hive(s) secure.

VIII. Other considerations:

Not included in the grant—extracting equipment. Every effort will be made to help harvest the honey during the first 2 years; this help will not include the purchase of extracting equipment for the individual/group. Should the bees die during the first 2 years, efforts will be made to replace the bees in the most efficient manner (it may mean waiting until spring packages are available).

Contract:

We the _____(organization)

Lead by _____

Agree to the terms of this grant.

Listed below are the youth participating in this beekeeping project:
(Names and contact info)

All participants have signed a disclaimer agreement and it will be kept on file with the recipient leaders.

Failure to meet the requirements of the grant (mentor requirements, educational requirements, State Fair requirements) may result in forfeiture of the grant and require return of all equipment and hives.