



NORTHEASTERN KANSAS BEEKEEPER'S ASSOCIATION (NEKBA)

Military/Veterans Apprenticeship

2026 for 2027 APPLICATION/AGREEMENT and WAIVER/BINDER

OBJECTIVE

- To show our appreciation of gratitude to selected Military Veterans, 'particularly those' who were affected physically or psychologically during war.
- The goal of this Apprenticeship is to provide our Veterans with a means of having a pathway both therapeutically and physically to transition into a more serene life style by learning the proper way of beekeeping which has proven to be very therapeutic.
- To promote a better understanding of the value of honeybees to our environment and to the food chain.
- To provide an opportunity for Military/Veterans enjoyment through beekeeping
- To provide an avenue for Military/Veterans to engage in a vocation and gain the opportunity to pursue beekeeping as a side-line or a full-time vocation.

THE AWARD

- 1) A two-year NEKBA membership.
- 2) A beginning beekeeper seminar and textbook.
- 3) A complete set of Langstroth woodenware for a new beehive.
- 4) A package of bees or nucleus colony for a starter hive.
- 5) The basic beekeeping gear: hat, veil, gloves, hive tool, and bee smoker.
- 6) Mentoring by a qualified NEKBA member for one year.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must:

- Be a Veteran of any Military Branch of service who served during war time.
- Be a Kansas resident and live within the area of the NEKBA club region to be able to furnish a current qualified mentor for teaching beekeeping.
- Recipients have not had any prior experience with bees or minimal experience.
- They must be able to attend monthly meetings on a regular basis.
- Have no immediate family members that are currently beekeepers.



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- Have a suitable location for hive placement which is necessary for observation and the best opportunity for learning and experience with honeybees.
- Submit application to NEKBA, Attention Buck Bradley (contact information is below)

SELECTION PROCESS

- The NEKBA Program Committee will arrange an interview with applicants who meet the guidelines of the apprenticeship program.
- The Military/Veterans Apprenticeship Committee Chair will notify the applicant if they have been awarded the apprenticeship.
- One (1) application per family.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

The recipient of this Apprenticeship will receive the following:

1. Woodenware consisting of two standard Langstroth hive bodies with frames and foundation, including a bottom board, top cover, inner cover
2. Two honey supers
3. Queen excluder
4. Feeder
5. Package of bees with queen or a nucleus of bees with a queen
6. Beginner's equipment to start the beekeeping project (veil/protective clothing, smoker, hive tool, bee brush)
7. Beekeeping text and instruction notebook.

The recipient will also receive the additional benefits:

- Two-year NEKBA membership.
- Mentoring by a qualified NEKBA member throughout the year.
- NEKBA assistance in extracting the first year's honey crop.
- A beginning beekeeper's workshop (if available during the year; ex. Bee Fun Day or NEKBA's new beekeeper class, which includes registration).

The recipient will:

1. Keep a written record complete with dates, photos and other pertinent data sufficient to substantiate all progress of beekeeping experiences.

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2. Either the recipient or the mentor or combination of both will give a talk of the past year and the progress of leaning beekeeping.
3. Attend at least eight (8) NEKBA club meetings (ask for dates or visit www.NEKBA.org)
4. Present a final report of activities and progress including service projects and beekeeping records.
5. Provide information to fellow Veteran's on beekeeping as a pathway both therapeutically and physically to transition into a more serene life style by Beekeeping.
6. Study the provided material to become an informed beekeeper.

If the Military/Veteran Apprentice recipient has met all requirements within the 1st beekeeping year, the NEKBA President will present her/him a Certificate of Completion and full ownership of the colony and equipment. If, at the end of the year, the Military/Veteran Apprentice recipient has failed to meet their requirements, or no longer wishes to continue in beekeeping, the Military/Veteran Apprenticeship the mentor will take custody of the hive (including bees) and all related equipment. In coordination with NEKBA .

NEKBA Military/Veterans Apprenticeship Application Form

To be completed by applicant.

Name_____

Date of
Birth_____

Address_____Phone_____

City_____State_____Zip Code_____

Email_____

Branch of Service_____Years Served_____

Please tell us about yourself in the following paragraphs:

Beekeeping



Good Fellowship

Since 1948

Exploring the wonderful world of beekeeping together

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Please write a paragraph on why you are interested in bees and beekeeping. Also include what you would like and hope to accomplish, should you be awarded this scholarship.

Do you know a beekeeper? Yes/No? If yes, please provide the name and address:

How did you learn of the NEKBA Military/Veteran Apprenticeship?

Where or what location would you keep the hive?

Some municipalities may not allow honey bees within their current limits. Are you allowed to keep honey bees in your city? Y/N _____

WAIVER/BINDER

We/I understand that neither NEKBA nor any of the Association members are liable for any accidents or injuries which may occur while working with the provided bees and equipment. I also understand the bee colony and equipment cannot be sold, given away, or destroyed during the qualifying period without written consent.



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Should (applicant's name) _____ lose interest or can no longer pursue the beekeeping project, NEKBA will be notified. The equipment and colony of bees will be returned to NEKBA. Upon successful completion of the qualifying term and the satisfaction of stated conditions, the recipient will be presented a Certificate of Completion of the program and receive ownership of the beehive and related equipment.

She/he is not known to be allergic to bee stings; furthermore, I agree that by signing this waiver I relieve the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association (NEKBA) and any members from any liability for any accidents which may occur in the pursuit of this project.

Are there any activities that might prevent you from attending the regular monthly meetings usually held at 7:00 P.M. Evenings on the 3rd Monday of the Month? _____

Signatures below indicate agreement with the above terms and requirements.

SIGNATURES

_____/_____
Applicant Date
_____/_____

For consideration, send the completed application and letter of reference to:

NEKBA – Buck Bradley

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Mobile – (785) 248-1005