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Madison County Beekeepers Association  
(MCBA)

**Sponsorship of Young Beginning Beekeeper Program**

**General**

As a part of the MCBA's effort to outreach into the community, a Young Beginning Beekeeper program is hereby established. This program is intended to provide the equipment and instructions to a new, young, beginning beekeeper over a two-year period. One new candidate per year is allowed under this program

**Criteria and Requirements of a Candidate**

1. Candidates must be between the ages of 14-18 and must provide written parental or guardian approval.
2. Candidates must be a member in good standing of either 4H or FFA program
3. Candidates must attend an MCBA approved beekeeping class.
4. Candidates must have a mentor assigned. (Requirements, duties and responsibilities of Mentor are defined in separate Mentor Program document).
5. Candidates must provide an Annual Report (Verbal or written) for 2 years after startup.
6. Candidate must treat beehives for diseases as required.
7. Candidate must register bees with the State. (Fee paid by Association)
8. Candidate must either own, or have permission to access, a suitable location for the beehives.
9. Candidate must return all equipment provided to him in the event of non-performance as determined by the Mentor.

**Association Duties and Responsibilities**

1. Provide qualified Mentor in accordance with Mentor Program document.
2. Provide all materials and equipment needed for candidate to setup and care for two colonies of honeybees. Honey extraction and processing equipment for surplus honey shall be obtained from the common pool of equipment available within the Association.
3. Provide candidate with two-year membership in MCBA.

**Other**

1. If more than one candidate in any given year applies and found qualified, a written essay on why they want to become a beekeeper shall be required from each candidate. The essays shall be judged, and the winner determined, by the Mentor.
2. Notwithstanding the above stated Criteria, Requirements, Duties and Descriptions, other developments may arise during the course of this program that require executive decisions. In which case, the Board of Directors of the MCBA shall be the final authority governing those decisions.

By Authority of the MCBA President,



Harold V. Green

August 20, 2007

Date