

The Youth Conservationist Program

2023 Application



Applicant Information

Name: _____ Age : _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Breed Preference

Please list up to five breeds you would like to be considered for or if you would like to be considered for all available breeds.

Program Requirements

If you are selected as a recipient, you must agree to the following conditions:

- You must exhibit your ewe a minimum of two times in 2023, preferably one event being your state fair.
- You must breed your ewe to a registered ram of the same breed in the fall of 2023.
- You must utilize your ewe's fleece, either by processing it yourself or selling it to another crafter.
- You must prepare a report with pictures for the donor, to be displayed at the 2024 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival.

- You must promote the Youth Conservationist Program and your breed at least once, whether through an article in your local paper or through a breed association newsletter.
- You must be present at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival on Sunday, May 7th 2023 to receive your ewe.

Applicant Questions

Do you already own other sheep? If not, do you understand that sheep are flock animals and you must make arrangements for a companion for your ewe?

Where will you house your sheep?

What events do you plan to exhibit your ewe at?

Are you enrolled in 4-H, FFA, or another agricultural youth program?

What experience do you have with owning sheep and/or livestock?

Why are heritage breeds important?

What are the goals of your flock?

What does responsible shepherding look like to you?

What do you hope to learn from raising sheep?

What else should we know about you?

Please send completed application with a letter of recommendation to ycpsheep@gmail.com by April 1st, 2023.

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature