



Starter Flock Entry Form

Goal: To provide a current Missouri 4-H or FFA member a grant opportunity to purchase ewes for a starter flock.

Reward: The winner(s) will receive a \$1000 grant to be used to purchase ewes from any sheep producer and work with a Missouri Sheep Producer member in a mentoring program. The sheep purchased may be either purebred registered or commercial stock.

Application Requirements: Applicants must not currently own a flock, be involved in Missouri 4-H and/or FFA, successfully complete this application with responses to essay questions attached, and contact a current MSP member (current MSP membership directory may be obtained by contacting the executive director or at www.missourisheep.com) to obtain a letter of recommendation and agreement by the member to participate in a mentoring program.

Winner Requirements: The successful applicant(s) will be required to purchase starter ewes from a sheep producer and provide transportation of the sheep back to their home, purchase a ram or coordinate with their Missouri Sheep Producer mentor on a breeding program, ewes must be purchased by September 1 and bred to lamb the following spring, the starter flock must be kept in the winner's possession for a **minimum of one year**, and a total budget (income and expenses) for the year should be presented by the winner(s) at the next MSP annual meeting.

Application

By signing below, I understand the application and winner requirements as well as the financial and time commitments of owning livestock.

Printed name : _____ Signature: _____
 Parent/Guardian signature: _____
 Address: _____ email: _____
 City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____
 Name of MSP mentor: _____ 4-H Club/FFA Chapter: _____
 How did you learn of this program? _____

Essay: In addition to the submittal of this entry form, a written essay (approximately one page) must be attached and include, but not limited to, the following elements:

- Why are you interested in receiving a grant to purchase a starter flock?
- What are your goals in the sheep industry?
- Describe your farm/building/facilities.
- How can you help represent the sheep industry in Missouri?

Essay must be typed, sent by standard mail with this application, and postmarked by November 1.

Send inquiries and entries to:
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