

New England Sheep & Wool Growers Association
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Annual Youth Grant

NES&WGA will be presenting the annual youth grant at the 2010 New England sale. Three \$150 cash awards are awarded annually to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding young men and women involved in the Northeast sheep industry for at least two years.

- * Applicants must be at least 12 years old and not older than 18 as of January 1, 2010.
- * Applicants must reside in one of the New England states or themselves or families are members of NES&WGA.
- * We encourage all eligible youth to apply.
- * The three winners of the Youth Grant will return to the NES&WGA Annual Meeting at Eastern States Exposition in July 2011 and make a presentation on how their grant money was used.

The committee looks at many things when considering to whom to make the awards. We are certainly interested in your work with sheep and agriculture and how it has benefited your life. The committee members want to remind you that they do look at the presentation of your application including neatness, spelling and punctuation. Although you must complete the application yourself, we encourage applicants to have an adult, such as a parent, teacher or leader, proofread the application.

Anyone interested in further information on an application for the Youth Grant can call or write to the contact below. All completed applications along with their letter of reference must be submitted by May 1, 2010. Send completed applications to:

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North Scituate, RI 02857
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Visit the New England Sheep and Wool Growers Association website for more information.

<http://www.nesheep.org/>

NEW ENGLAND SHEEP AND WOOL GROWERS
ANNUAL YOUTH AWARD

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security Number _____ Email Address _____ Phone _____

REFERENCES: Please ask a Vocational Agriculture Teacher, 4-H Leader or an adult involved in the sheep industry to fill out the attached written reference and enclose the completed form with your application.

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR SHEEP EXPERIENCES: Use the front and back of this page to tell us about your sheep experience. Please print or type. It is important to answer the following questions in your essay:

- * How and when you got started with sheep?
- * How your project has grown since you first got involved.
- * Please list the NESWGA activities you have participated in since you started.
- * Please list any special awards or recognition you have received with your sheep.
- * Please explain how raising sheep has been a benefit to you and your life.
- * What are your plans and goals for the future?
- * Please explain how you will use the money from this award.

My signature below indicates that all information in my application is complete, factually correct and honestly presented as my work.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

I am aware that my child is applying for this award.

Signature of parent _____ Date _____

Reference Statement for New England Sheep and Wool Growers Youth Award

Please complete this form and return to the applicant so the reference can be sent in with the completed application.
You may return the recommendation to the applicant in a sealed envelope.

Name of person giving reference _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

I certify that _____ is active in a youth sheep project.
(name)

Date _____ Signature _____

Please comment briefly on this person's qualifications to receive the NES&WGA Youth Award for your state.