



New England Sheep & Wool Growers Association

Annual Youth Grant

The New England Sheep and Wool Growers Association annually presents TWO \$250.00 cash awards to recognize the accomplishments of outstanding youth involved in the Northeast sheep industry. NESWGA will be presenting the annual youth grants at the North East Youth Sheep Show.

- ❖ Applicants must be at least 12 years old and not older than 18 as of January 1st of the current year.
- ❖ Applicants must be involved in the sheep industry for at least 2 years.
- ❖ Applicants must be residents of the New England States and Eastern New York State where the New England Sheep and Wool Growers Association have an appointed director, or to students who are members of NESWGA, or have family that are members of NESWGA.
- ❖ We encourage all youth to apply.
- ❖ The two winners of the Youth Grant will be asked to give a report on how their grant money was used at a future NESWGA meeting.

The committee looks at many things when considering award applications. We are 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.

In addition to you, the applicant, completing the application, 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 complete form with your application. This reference MUST be sent in by the application deadline to be considered for the award.

Completed applications must be postmarked by the application deadline posted on NEWSGA website.

Send completed applications to:

Rachael Gately
75 Pioneer Heights
Somers, CT 06071
Email: regately@gmail.com
(860) 202-4490

Visit the New England Sheep and Wool Growers Association website for more information on the organization: www.nesheep.org



NEW ENGLAND SHEEP AND WOOL GROWERS
ANNUAL YOUTH AWARD

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR SHEEP EXPERIENCES: Please print or type this application. It is important to answer the following questions in your essay:

- ❖ How and when did you get started with sheep?
- ❖ How has your project 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 the 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 application 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 NESWGA Youth Award for your state.