

# **2017 Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association (WJTSA)** **Starter Flock Program**

## **Purpose?**

To promote growth and visibility of the Targhee breed in Wisconsin, and to promote Wisconsin youth involvement and education within the breed.

## **Who is eligible?**

Any youth, age 12 to 17 as of January 1, 2017, who resides in Wisconsin, whose immediate family does not raise Targhee sheep, and who is eligible to exhibit at both the 2017 Wisconsin Open State Fair and Junior State Fair.

## **What comprises the starter flock?**

The winner will be awarded three (3) Targhee ewes, consisting of a combination of ewe lambs, yearling ewes, and brood ewes donated by United States Targhee Sheep Association (USTSA) members. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in scrapie codon 171 genotype.

## **Promotion?**

The program will be featured on the A&J Nevens Livestock website, and advertisements will be placed in various trade journals as determined by the WJTSA. Promotion by the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association (USTSA) may also occur.

## **Policy and Procedures:**

1. An application and all supporting materials (listed below) must be submitted to the WJTSA by April 1, 2017.
  - a. An essay must be completed and included with the application. The essay should detail the interest in the Targhee breed, any other sheep or livestock experience, facilities available for raising the sheep, and intentions for the sheep.
  - b. A signed letter from parent(s) or guardian(s) stating their approval of the application and all the responsibilities (feed, finances, time, etc.) that go along with the possible receipt of the award.
  - c. A signed letter of recommendation from a 4-H/FFA leader, **or** from a current USTSA member.
2. Receipt of application by the WJTSA will be provided to the applicant via email or written letter.
3. The applications will be reviewed by the WJTSA, and a winner and an alternate winner will be selected from those applicants.

4. The winning applicant will be notified in writing by April 30th, 2017, and will be awarded the starter flock shortly thereafter, meeting all ownership deadlines for exhibition of donated animals at the two (2) shows listed below. Pick-up of the animals will need to be done by the recipient.
5. The winning applicant will also be required to join the United States Targhee Sheep Association (USTSA) and register their animals and all appropriate offspring according to national policy. The winning applicant will be required to pay all national association membership dues and future registration fees. WJTSA will pay for all USTSA transfer fees associated with the registration of the starter flock animals to the recipient, and the first year membership in the WJTSA.
6. The recipient must be eligible and able to attend and exhibit at two (2) shows later in 2017, and agree to show at all subsequent yearly shows while a junior:
  - a. The 2017 Wisconsin State Fair Open Wool Sheep Show.
  - b. The 2017 Wisconsin State Fair Junior Sheep Show.
7. Only a USTSA registered Targhee ram may be used for breeding.
8. The recipient will allow a Wisconsin USTSA member act as a “mentor” by providing knowledge, advice, and support to the winner, and will also occasionally check on the welfare of the awarded animals.
9. Basic necessities (feed, water, shelter, etc) to grow and maintain the sheep in good health must be provided at all times. Failure to maintain the health and welfare of the animals (as determined by the mentor) will result in immediate surrender of the animals back to the WJTSA at the cost of the recipient.
10. The recipient will also be strongly encouraged to donate animals to future WJTSA Starter Flock Programs and/or National USTSA Starter Flock Program once their flock is established.
11. This is a one-time award – previous recipients may not apply.

# 2017 Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock Program Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Does your family currently raise livestock? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what species/breed? \_\_\_\_\_

If chosen, you must be eligible and able to exhibit at both the 2017 Wisconsin State Fair Open Wool and 2017 Wisconsin Junior State Fair Sheep Shows, and agree to show at all subsequent yearly shows while a junior. Do you agree to exhibit? \_\_\_\_\_

Obtain all signatures required below, and attach the following to this application:

1. An essay written by the applicant which details your interest in the Targhee breed, any other sheep or livestock experience you or your family may have, the facilities you have available for raising the sheep, and your intentions for the sheep.
2. A signed letter from your parent(s) or guardian(s) stating their approval of your application and all the responsibilities (feed, finances, time, etc.) that go along with possible receipt of this award
3. A signed letter of recommendation from a 4-H/FFA leader, or from a current USTSA member

Mail this completed application to:

Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association  
Attn: Starter Flock Program  
N1225 Hillestad Road  
Lodi, WI 53555

By signing below, we affirm that we have read all policies and procedures and agree to abide by them if chosen to be the recipient of the Wisconsin Junior Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock Program:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date