

2009 Ralph H. Grimshaw Memorial Scholarship Award

The Ralph Grimshaw Scholarship is awarded annually by The Ohio Sheep Improvement Association. The scholarship is given annually in honor of Ralph H. Grimshaw. Mr. Grimshaw, a leader, an educator, and a friend of the sheep industry truly believed in the education of our youth of our industry.

Funding for this scholarship come from the Silent Auction at the Buckeye Shepherd's Symposium and private donations by Ohio Sheep Producers to the Ralph Grimshaw Memorial Scholarship Fund.

AWARD: 1 - \$1,000.00 Scholarship Award

Interviews will be held at the Ohio State Fair on Saturday, August 1, 2009

Awards to be announced at the Ohio State Fair, Sunday, August 2, 2009

(Awards to be paid upon proof of school enrollment)

Finalist interviews will be conducted at the discretion of the OSIA Ralph H. Grimshaw Scholarship Committee

Sponsored By:
Ohio Sheep Improvement Association

All applications must be received by June 30, 2009 (no exceptions).

Qualifications:

- 1) Must be a permanent resident of the State of Ohio.**
- 2) Family or applicant must be a member in good standing with the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association.**
- 3) Must have completed high school and be enrolled as a college undergraduate during 2008-09 academic school year.**
- 4) Applicants may receive the top scholarship award only once.**
- 5) Applicants may reapply in successive years.**
- 6) Finalists are to appear for an interview (Saturday, August 1, 2009).**
- 7) Applicant must be between the ages of 17 and 22.**

Selection Criteria (100 Points):

- 5 – School Activities**
- 5 – Community Activities**
- 15 – Sheep Related Activities**
- 15 – Short Essay**
- 35 – Problem Solving Essay**
- 25 – Interview**

To return applications and for more information, please contact:

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Date: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

High School attended: _____

High School / College Grade Point Average: _____

Brief Biographical Sketch (include future academic and sheep related goals):

Scholastic Clubs, Activities, and Activities: (5 points)

Community Activities (other than sheep related): (5 pts.)

Sheep related activities, family involvement, 4-H and FFA involvement, sheep associations, and other events relating to the sheep industry: (15 pts.)

Short Essay (15 pts.) Answer the following, “*Why I believe in the future of the sheep industry...*” Limit 200 words on separate sheet.

Problem Solving Essay (35 pts.)

Buck Shepherd owns a 40-acre farm located 30 miles southeast of the Columbus Metro area. He has always wanted to raise sheep, but is unaware how to get started. His home is located on the farm and the farm buildings include the barn and a couple of smaller outbuildings. He has some limited livestock experience.

Your task is to prepare a basic business plan for Mr. Shepherd. Be sure to include type of breed of sheep; type of production (such as accelerated lambing, feeder lambs, hothouse lambs, etc.); and marketing programs (identify products to market and marketing channels for each).

Remember:

There are no right or wrong answers. The purpose of this activity is to see how you identify the issue, develop a plan for production and marketing and then show support with reasons for your decisions.

Note: Proposed budget figures are not necessary; however, the goal is to develop a profitable sheep enterprise. Assume Mr. Shepherd has funds to purchase the sheep and can purchase, fabricate, or refurbish needed equipment.

Please limit your business plan to two (2) pages.