

Dakota Area Targhee Association Starter Flock Program

Applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. 8 – 15 years of age as of January 1, 2018
2. Be a resident of the Dakota Area (SD, ND, MN, WY, NE)
3. Exhibit their animals at their respective County fair and either the SD State Fair or their respective state fair.
4. Strongly encouraged to Exhibit at the National Show
5. Must have facilities and resources to provide proper care for their new flock.

Applicants will write an essay explaining their interest in the sheep industry, why they like the Targhee breed, and what qualities they possess to become a good shepherd. Explanation of facilities and resources available to care for livestock should be included. How the applicant plans to grow and promote their flock and the Targhee breed should be included.

The winner will receive 3 ewes consisting of a combination of yearling, fall or spring ewe lambs for their starter flock. The ewes will be awarded during the month of May so they will be eligible to be shown in 4-H and at the National Show. They will also be paired with a DATA Targhee breeder that will act as a mentor.

Applications are due March 15th 2018.

Purpose

To promote and grow the Targhee breed by involving and educating youth about the Targhee breed.

Who is eligible

Any youth age 8 to 15 years of age as of January 1st 2018, whose immediate family does not currently raise Targhee sheep.

Starter Flock animals

The winner will be awarded 3 young ewes. The ewes will be a combination of a yearling ewe, fall ewe lamb, January ewe lamb or February ewe lamb. Depending on what is donated by the members of the Dakota Area Targhee Association, each animal will be a USTSA registered animal of above average quality and at least QR in scrapie codon 171 genotype.

Promotion

The program will be advertised by the membership via Facebook, word of mouth, as well as advertised in local trade publications. Promotion by the U.S. Targhee Sheep Association may also occur.

Policy and Procedure

1. Applicants will need to fill out the 1 page application and write an essay explaining their interest in the sheep industry, why they like the Targhee breed, and what qualities they possess to become a good shepherd. Explanation of facilities and resources available to care for livestock should be included, as well as how the applicant plans to grow and promote their flock and the Targhee breed.
2. A signed letter from a parent or legal guardian stating their approval of the application and all of the responsibilities (feed, finances, facilities, time, etc.) that go along with the possible receipt of the award.
3. A signed letter of recommendation from a 4-H/FFA leader or from a current DATA member.
4. The applications will be reviewed by a committee of DATA members and a winner and an alternate will be selected from the applicants.

5. The winning applicant will be notified in writing by April 30th 2018 and will be awarded the starter flock prior to May 20th 2018. Therefore meeting all ownership deadlines for the 4-H program as well as the Junior show at the National Targhee show and sale.
6. 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. DATA 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 DATA.
7. The recipient must be eligible and able to attend and exhibit at their local County Fair as well as the SD state fair or their respective State Fair in 2018, and agree to show at all subsequent yearly shows while a junior.
8. It is also strongly encouraged that the recipient attend and exhibit at the National Targhee Show and Sale as well as any other area shows that the recipient is eligible to participate in.
9. A DATA member will be assigned as a mentor to provide knowledge, advice, and support to the winner and will also occasionally check on the welfare of the awarded animals.
10. 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 DATA at the cost of the recipient.
11. The recipient will also be strongly encouraged to donate animals to future Starter flock programs once their flock is established.
12. This is a one-time award – previous winners or their family members may not apply.

2018 Dakota Area Targhee Association Starter Flock 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 your local county fair and respective state fair and agree to exhibit 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 explaining their interest in the sheep industry, why they like the Targhee breed, and what qualities they possess to become a good shepherd. Explanation of facilities and resources available to care for livestock should be included. As well as how the applicant plans to grow and promote their flock and the Targhee breed.
2. A signed letter from a parent or legal guardian stating their approval of the application and all of the responsibilities (feed, finances, facilities, time, etc.) that go along with the possible receipt of the award.
3. A signed letter of recommendation from a 4-H/FFA leader or from a current DATA member.

Return the completed application and all other applicable documents by March 15th 2018 to:

Dakota Area Targhee Association
Attn: Scott Kilber
604 11th St
Ipswich, SD 57451

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 2018 Dakota Area Targhee Association Starter Flock.

Applicant Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

