

2012 Youth Conservationist Program

Youth interested in applying for the 2012 Youth Conservationist Program

***Must be between 9 and 18 years old.**

***Submit an application postmarked by April 1, 2012 that includes:**

- An essay which introduces you, your experience with animals, if for any reason, the animal is not being kept at your own home, explain in detail where it will reside and what exactly your responsibilities will be, your essay should explain your interest in sheep, and answers the question: "Why I would like to help preserve a heritage breed of sheep".
- The applicant should indicate if they wish to be considered for a particular breed or for any of the breeds available.
- Each applicant must include a letter of recommendation from their 4-H Advisor, FFA Advisor, veterinarian, teacher, or clergy.
- The total application/essay should be no more than 2 pages in length.
- The application must include address, phone and if available, email address.

Interested young people should contact Elaine for an updated list of breeds available, then submit their application/essay to:

Elaine Ashcraft 46118 CR 58, Coshocton, OH 43812

740-622-1573

tankewe_cr58@yahoo.com

(Please note the underscore between tankewe and cr58!)

REQUIREMENTS IF SELECTED:

- **Must be present to receive the ewe at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival on Sunday May 6, 2012.**
- **Must exhibit the ewe at least twice in 2012 at : 1) a county fair or local sheep show and 2) the State Fair in the state where the recipient lives.**
- **Must breed the ewe to a registered ram (of her breed) in the fall of 2012, should consult the donor breeder for their recommendations.**
- **Must either use the ewe's fleece to personally make a wool item or sell the fleece to a spinner, felter or weaver.**
- **Must submit an article the following Feb/Mar to their local newspaper covering their year and including information concerning the next year's YCP program.**
- **Must submit a one to two page report, (recommend scrapbook) with pictures to the Donor Breeder by April 30, 2013 and provide a separate scrapbook to be used at the Maryland Festival which will then be returned to the recipient.**

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ELAINE ASHCRAFT 46118 CR 58 COSHOCTON, OH 43812

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