

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY AREA BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**Ed Wolfe – Robert Bost Beekeeping Scholarship**

The Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association has a youth program honoring two long-time beekeepers and WCABA members, Ed Wolfe and Robert Bost, who actively promoted learning about bees and beekeeping in Williamson County.

A scholarship is given annually to further the apiculture sciences, emphasizing sustainable beekeeping. This award is presented to school-age students (12-18 years old) living in the area served by WCABA. The award includes a beehive with bees and equipment necessary to complete the year-long plus project.

Following a course curriculum, the recipient will be expected to meet regularly according to a set schedule to work the bees, and (1) keep records of activities with dates, pictures, and other pertinent data; (2) participate in the Hill Country Fair Honey Booth promotion in support of the future scholarships; (3) give an interim progress report to the Williamson County Area beekeepers at the November meeting; (4) attend the WCABA meeting in July the following year to give a concluding report and receive appropriate recognition. They will also be encouraged to attend the monthly meeting and be entitled to use the club's honey extraction equipment. Optionally, recipients can enter honey in the WCABA Tasters Choice competition, send honey to the Texas State Fair, and enter the Texas Beekeepers Honey and Wax contest at the state convention.

A mentor will be made available to instruct and assist the recipient in sustainable beekeeping techniques and good beekeeping practices. Parents are encouraged to join WCABA to support and encourage the recipient and the program.

**Applications** must be **mailed** to the Awards Committee by **March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

You **must attend** the **March WCABA meeting** on the **fourth Tuesday** for a program overview and an informal interview of the applicant. The winners will be notified and asked to receive, assemble, and paint their beekeeping woodware before the bees arrive in **mid-April**.

Sincerely,

Scholarship Committee

1799 Goodson Court

Round Rock, Texas 78664

## **ED WOLFE – ROBERT BOST BEEKEEPING SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION / AGREEMENT**

Background: The Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association established the Ed Wolfe – Robert Bost Beekeeping Scholarship Award to honor two long-time beekeepers and W.C.A.B.A. members who actively promoted learning about bees and beekeeping in Williamson County.

I. Purpose & Scope: The Ed Wolfe - Robert Bost Beekeeping Scholarship is a program funded by the W.C.A.B.A. to promote youth interest and participation in beekeeping, honey production, and education in apiary science. The scholarship is open to school-age youth (12-18yrs) in Williamson and surrounding counties with W.C.A.B.A members. It is awarded annually with stated conditions & requirements and lasts one year plus. It consists of a beehive with bees and the equipment necessary to complete the beekeeping project.

### II. Application:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** (print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Are there other children in your family? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about the Scholarship Program? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in another organization (4H, FFA, Scouts, Other, None): \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have other agriculture interests or projects? \_\_\_\_\_. If yes, please list them: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: Why are you interested in bees and beekeeping? Hand-write a one-page essay on an attached sheet of paper titled, "Why I am interested in Beekeeping," telling what you expect to learn and what you hope to accomplish if you are chosen for the scholarship.

Parent or Guardian: How do you feel your child can benefit from this program? Can you support and encourage your child in this effort? (Please attach written comments.)

### III. Terms & Conditions of Agreement:

A. The recipient of this scholarship will receive a beehive consisting of three 8-frame hive bodies w/frames, foundation, 2-feeders, a solid bottom board, a top cover, a nucleus of bees w/queen and the necessary protective gear and equipment to complete the beekeeping project.

B. The recipient will also receive the additional benefit of 1) associate membership in W.C.A.B.A. for one year, 2) attending monthly meetings and receiving the Association Newsletter, and 3) being entitled to use the Association's extracting equipment to process their honey.

C. The recipient will be expected in return to (1) attend the March meeting of the W.C.A.B.A. to be introduced to the Association and assemble his/her beekeeping equipment; (2) participate in the annual Hill Country Fair Honey Booth promotion in support of the future scholarships; (3) give an interim report to the Williamson County Area Beekeepers at the November meeting of the results of their activities; (4) attend the W.C.A.B.A. meeting in July and give a concluding report and be presented a Certificate of Achievement and receive ownership of his/her beehive. In addition, recipients can (5) enter honey in the WCABA Tasters Choice competition, (6) send honey to the Texas State Fair, and (7) enter the Texas Beekeepers Honey and Wax contest at the state convention.

D. The recipient will also be expected to work the beehive as scheduled, safely keep his/her beehive according to generally accepted beekeeping practice, and save some record with dates, pictures, and other pertinent data to facilitate his/her November & July report to the W.C.A.B.A.

IV. Waiver / Binder:

A. We/I understand that neither the Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association nor any of its members are responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur while my child, \_\_\_\_\_, is working with the aforementioned bees or equipment.

B. We/I also understand this colony and equipment remain the property of the Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association and can only be sold, given away, or destroyed during the scholarship qualifying period with the written consent of the same.

C. If \_\_\_\_\_ loses interest or can no longer pursue the beekeeping project, the Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association will be notified, and the equipment and colony of bees will be returned to the same.

D. Upon successfully completing the scholarship term and satisfying the stated conditions, the recipient will receive a Certificate of Achievement from the program and ownership of their beehive and related equipment.

V. Parental Consent: I am the above-named applicant's parent or guardian. He/she is not known to be allergic to bee stings and has my consent to accept this scholarship if chosen. Furthermore, by signing this waiver, I agree to release the Williamson County Area Beekeepers Association and its members from any liability for any accident or mishaps that may occur in pursuit of this project.

VI. Signatures:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Parent or Guardian

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Scholarship Chairman Association President

Send Completed Application to:

***Ed Wolfe – Robert Bost Scholarship Committee***

***1799 Goodson Court, Round Rock, Texas 78664***

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