

Youth interested in applying for the **2020 Youth Conservationist Program**

* Must be between 9 and 18 years old.

*Submit an application postmarked by April 1, 2020 that includes:

*An essay which introduces you and your experience with animals. Your essay should explain your interest in sheep and answer the question: "Why I would like to help preserve a heritage breed of sheep."

*If for any reason the animal will not be kept at your own home, please explain in detail where it will reside and what exactly your responsibilities will be.

*The applicant should indicate that they are interested in a Bluefaced Leicester ewe.

*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 submit their letter of application/essay to:

Elaine Ashcraft, 46118 CR 58 Coshocton, OH 43812

***ALL ESSAYS MUST BE MAILED. EMAILED ESSAYS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! ***

*Requirements if selected:

*Must be present to receive the ewe at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival on Sunday, May 3, 2020.

*Must exhibit the ewe at least twice in 2020 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 2020, 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 scrapbook to the Donor Breeder by April 30, 2021 and provide a scrapbook to be used at the Maryland Festival which is then given back to the youth.

Any questions please contact Elaine Ashcraft 46118 CR 58 Coshocton, Ohio 43812

By phone at (740) 622-1573 or by email at tankewe_cr58@yahoo.com (please note the underscore between "tankewe" and "cr58")

Donors select the recipients from the essays submitted by the youth.