

North Dakota Lamb & Wool Producers Association (NDLWPA)

STARTER FLOCK DISCOUNTED LOAN PROGRAM

The Starter Flock Program is an initiative of the NDLWPA with the intent of encouraging young people (10 – 18 years of age) to enter the sheep industry.

Each recipient will receive 10 yearling commercial rambouillet ewes that will be purchased from the Hettinger Research Extension Center in September. The cost of the ewes will be the LOWER of the 5 year average (\$2027) or the actual average of the ewes selling during the Hettinger Ram Sale. The recipient will pay back 70% of the value of the ewes over a four year period, at no interest. Year one 0%, year two 23.33%, year three 23.33% and year four 23.33% of the total cost of the ewes. The terms of the sale will be included in a Loan Contract which will be finalized on the day the ewes are picked up.

Past recipients of the STARTER FLOCK DISCOUNTED LOAN PROGRAM may reapply. The terms of the additional Discounted Loan will be 90% payback over 3 years at no interest. 30% of purchase price due November 1 of year one, two and three.

TERMS FOR PARTICIPANTS:

Be a legal resident of North Dakota – Guardian or recipient must have a valid North Dakota ID.

Submit the attached application by August 1.

Must be OVER 10 and LESS than 19 as of the date of application (August 1)

Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from non-family members

Include a letter of support and endorsement from a parent or legal guardian

Maintain JUNIOR (\$25.00) or SENIOR (\$50.00) membership for the entire length of the loan

Attend an educational workshop the day you pick up your ewes at the Hettinger Research Extension Center. At that time the recipient and adult co-signer will sign the loan agreement

Attend at least one other educational activity (sponsored by NDLWPA) each year of the loan

Make payments in year 2, 3 and 4 of the loan by NOVEMBER 1

Submit records for the enterprise by February 1

Accept mentorship by an NDLWPA member

Pick up the Starter Flock, attend an educational seminar and sign and present Starter Flock Loan papers

THIS WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE THIRD SATURDAY OF SEPTEMBER

THE LOCATION IS: HETTINGER RESEARCH EXTENSION CENTER, HETTINGER, ND

STARTER FLOCK APPLICATION

Please answer the following questions, sign the document, include two (2) letters of recommendation and a parent/guardian letter of support by **AUGUST 1**

NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

AGE:

1. Why are you interested in receiving a discounted loan to purchase 10 yearling rambouillet ewes through the Starter Flock Program of the NDLWPA
2. Tell us about your current involvement in the sheep industry.
3. Describe the buildings/facilities/grazing areas you have access to for this project.
4. What are your long-term goals. (With the sheep and in general)

By signing below, I understand the requirements as well as the financial responsibility and time commitment of owning livestock. In addition, I agree to raise them in a humane and nurturing environment. I also agree that I will abide by the TERMS OF AGREEMENT if I am chosen to receive a discounted loan to purchase 10 commercial rambouillet ewes.

Applicant Signature

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone – Cell Phone

e-mail

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone – Cell Phone

e-mail

MENTOR: All starter flock recipients are required to have a sheep mentor – an experienced shepherd who is a member of the ND LWPA who can assist you with this venture. The mentor should not be a member of your family.

Mentor Name

Mentor Address

Mentor city/state/zip

Mentor phone – cell phone

Mentor e-mail

SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

**Luke Dukart
2755 County Road 137
Mandan, ND 58554**