

# SUFFOLK YOUTH BREEDING GRANT PROGRAM

Submission Deadline: Received by February 1



## PURPOSE:

1. To provide financial assistance in purchasing a registered Suffolk ewe(s), for youth starting a Suffolk flock.
2. To encourage youth to breed registered Suffolk sheep and be involved in the affiliated Suffolk association organizations.

## GRANT ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicant must be 9 years old as of January 1, but not more than 16 years old.
2. Applicant cannot be a current owner or previous owner of registered Suffolk sheep.
3. Only one application per family in a calendar year.
4. Applicant must be able to fund the first \$250 towards the purchase of registered Suffolks.
5. Youth receiving a grant must purchase directly from a Suffolk Association member or from a sale in which the Suffolk Association member has entered the registered ewe. Examples - United Suffolk Sheep Association online sales, Ohio Showcase Sale, Nugget All-American, Midwest Stud Ram Sale and The Suffolk Event.

## GRANT AWARD:

1. The grant recipient is responsible for the initial \$250 of the purchase price. In addition to the grant recipient's initial \$250 commitment, the Foundation will additionally contribute up to \$1000. The Foundation's contribution will be paid directly to the seller.
2. Award funds can be used to purchase more than one ewe (lamb, yearling ewe, bred, or brood ewe).
3. Recipients will receive a complimentary United Junior Suffolk Sheep Association membership (current calendar year).
4. A list of eligible Suffolk breeders can be found on the United Suffolk Sheep Association website ([www.suffolks.org](http://www.suffolks.org)).
5. A minimum of five grants are awarded, however, up to twenty-five grants may be awarded each year based on the quality of applications and deservedness of the applicants.

### Examples:

Sheep purchased from a Suffolk Association Member for \$700.

\$700	Purchase price
<u>-250</u>	Paid by the grant recipient
\$450	Foundation contribution paid to seller

Sheep purchased from a Suffolk Association online sale for \$1500.

\$1,500	Purchase Price
<u>-250</u>	Paid by Grant recipient
\$1,250	
<u>-1,000</u>	Foundation Contribution paid to seller
\$250	Remaining due responsibility of grant recipient

3 sheep purchased from a Suffolk Association Member for \$1500.

\$1,750	Purchase Prices of 3 Ewes
<u>-250</u>	Paid by Grant recipient
\$1,500	
<u>-1,000</u>	Foundation Contribution paid to seller
\$500	Remaining due responsibility of grant recipient

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION:** Application submission deadline is February 1. Completed applications are to be electronically submitted to [info@suffolks.org](mailto:info@suffolks.org). Include "Suffolk Foundation Ewe Grant" and applicant name in the subject line.



c. Do you envision a long-term future for yourself in the livestock industry? If so, please elaborate.

d. Does anyone in your immediate or extended family currently own registered Suffolk sheep? If so, please provide further details.

e. What Suffolk breeder(s) lives in your area?

**Share your livestock experience.**

a. How many years have you been involved with livestock?

b. What species have you personally cared for and how many animals? Share a summary of your experience(s).

c. If you need assistance and/or advice list the people whom you would seek out.

d. This program is designed to start youth in a Suffolk sheep breeding program. What areas of this project do you have limited experience and would benefit from resources (ex. nutrition/feeding, bred ewe or lactating ewe management, access to a ram for breeding, animal health, newborn lamb care, etc.)?

e. Do you have access to a Suffolk ram for breeding? Or what plans do you have to get your ewe bred?

**Livestock Facilities.** Describe the facilities you currently have available to provide long term care for a sheep breeding program.

a. Do you have facilities at your residence? If not, give details on the facility's location, distance from your home, and how you will get back and forth between home and your ewe's home.

b. Shelter - including size, number of pens, access to electricity and water, and ability to secure from severe weather.

c. Drylot/Pasture – size and kind of fencing, shade, and access to water.

d. Share a list of sheep equipment you have access to using.

e. Provide a sketched map or ariel photo.

**Youth Livestock Involvement.**

a. Are you currently a 4H, FFA, or independent junior livestock exhibitor? If so, please share a brief summary of your involvement, including organizations. (Example: number of years involved as a member, office held, committee involvement and any awards received)

b. Share any other organizations you belong to and what involvement do you have with them (church, sports, scouts, etc.).

