Susquehanna Beekeepers Association
2027 Young Beekeeper Grant Worksheet

Purpose: To promote local beekeeping by providing young persons, in partnership with the SBA, basic beekeeping knowledge, mentorship, skills and hive hardware. Grant equipment will consist of the following:

- One bottom board, one inner cover, one telescoping outer cover.
- Three medium hive bodies with frames and foundation.
- Bees may be available at cost through the SBA.

Eligibility: Persons age 14 to 18 residing in the Harford or Cecil County area.

Requirements and pertinent Information:

1. The 2027 SBA Young Beekeeper Grant application window is Nov-Dec 2026.
2. Recipients must enroll and complete the "Beekeeping" Short Course through Harford Community College or a similar course. $60 HCC fee. The 2027 Short Course generally runs on Friday evenings, February through March. Exact dates and online enrollment forms are available online through HCC's noncredit division (search 'Beekeeping').
3. Recipients must accept working with an adult mentor from the SBA and keep a beekeeping journal.
4. Since this Grant becomes a partnership between the SBA and the family, the recipient will acquire/purchase additional equipment as outlined below.
5. The recipient will maintain membership with SBA for at least 2 years and attend (in person or via ZOOM) no less than 6 general meetings per year. Meetings are held monthly.
6. As part of the application process, finalists are subject to an interview by the SBA Board before the grant is awarded.
7. The applicant and guardian interview can either be remote or in person.
8. A parental consent and a release form will be verified before the grant is awarded.
9. Painting and assembly of beekeeping equipment is required (part of mentorship).
10. The new apiary must be registered and comply with all state and local laws.
11. The apiary must be located in the Harford or Cecil County area.
12. The apiary will be available for inspection by members of the SBA Board of Directors with prior notice.
13. The recipient will present an oral progress report to the general membership at least once each year during the first 2 years.
14. If the recipient of the grant loses interest in beekeeping during the first 2 years, he or she will return the used equipment to the association or compensate the SBA for the equipment.

**It is highly recommended that recipients volunteer during SBA events (summer and fall fairs).

Cost:

The equipment provided in this grant is a start. Additional purchases are required at the beekeeper's expense. These supplies may include: bees, a protective veil, smoker, gloves, hive tool. Additional hive bodies, frames and foundation are necessary during year 2. Prices for the listed beekeeping supplies can be obtained via online searches and should be reviewed before submitting this application.

Questions can be forwarded to Mr. Dennis Hertzog dhzog@verizon.net

2027 Susquehanna Beekeepers Association Grant Application

The SBA's ongoing Young Beekeeper Grant is being offered again to promote interest in local beekeeping. All applicants must meet the requirements outlined in the Susquehanna Beekeepers Association Grant Proposal Work Sheet. ***Please send completed applications to: Dennis Hertzog C/O Susquehanna Beekeepers Association, 501 Red Pump RD, Bel Air, MD 21014 or dhzog@verizon.net***

*****All Grant Application forms are to be postmarked no later than December 31, 2026.***

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone: _____

1. Why do you want to keep bees?

2. In 250 words or less, please describe why our club should grant you this opportunity. You may want to include current and future interests. Please use additional paper if needed.

Applicant Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

(Consent for "Young Beekeeper" to keep bees)

Parent contact info _____