

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 5-year average (approximately \$2,500-\$3000) 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 70% payback over 3 years at no interest. A repayment plan of 23.33% of purchase price due November 1 of year two, three, and four.

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 15st. Must be OVER 10 and LESS than 19 as of the date of application (August 15st). 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 IN SEPTEMBER EXACT DATE AND PLACE TO BE DETERMINED.

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 15th, 2023.

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 _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

All starter flock recipients are required to have a sheep mentor – an experienced shepherd who is a member of the NDLWPA 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 cell phone _____

Mentor e-mail _____

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