

BRAZOS VALLEY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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Applicant's Name _____ Age: _____

Parent's Name (or Guardian) _____

Street _____ City _____ zip _____

Parent's phone(s) _____

Parent's e-mail _____

Applicant phone & e-mail _____

The BVBeeks is pleased to accept new students into the wonderful world of beekeeping. A complete description of the program can be found on the club website at <https://www.bvbeeks.org/programs/youth-scholarship/>. Our goal is to introduce and educate the child in safe beekeeping practices. This is accomplished by a combination of classroom instruction as well as field trips to real apiaries. Students who qualify by **ACTIVELY participating in the program** will be awarded their own hive of bees, protective clothing, smoker, & other beekeeping tools necessary for them to manage their own hive(s). Students who participate for a 2nd year will be awarded a 2nd hive body and help in splitting their first hive.

The monthly bee "chats" are designed to cover the essentials of basic beekeeping in a specific order. We will be equipping the apprentice with the knowledge and tools to manage a hive of bees. We encourage the parents/guardians to attend the monthly bee chat. These are held in conjunction with the monthly club meetings, which are typically the third Tuesday of every month. The chat begins at 6:00pm and last ~45 minutes.

The field trips are typically scheduled on Saturdays as weather and the bees permit. Students are allowed to get their hands-on experience from other beekeepers/mentors if they are available.

BVBeeks hosts a "Bee School" in the fall – this is the major fundraiser for the Youth Program. Participants in the youth program are expected to attend & work the event.

In addition, the students are required to join the Brazos Valley Beekeepers Association (also \$25/year for a family membership).

By signing this box, I agree that I have read and do understand the importance of attending the monthly bee chats, field trips, & Fall Bee School so that my child will be equipped with the knowledge to keep bees safely.

Signed: parent/guardian: _____

Signed: Apprenticeship applicant: _____