



## 2023 YOUNG BEEKEEPER OF THE YEAR AWARD

### *Senior Division (Ages 17-22)*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner: \$1,000.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner: \$500.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner: \$300.00

### *Junior Division (Ages 12-16)*

1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner: \$250.00 + \$300 in bee supplies  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner: \$100.00 + \$300 in bee supplies  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner: \$ 50.00 + \$300 in bee supplies

### Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a resident of Indiana and currently involved with beekeeping
2. Either the applicant, or a parent, must be a member of The Beekeepers of Indiana
3. Must be recommended by one of the following: any TBoI member, a 4-H leader, Boy/Girl Scout leader, FFA sponsor, teacher or college professor in an agriculturally related field
4. Finalists must be able to attend the Fall Conference on Friday evening and Saturday, October 27/28, 2023 in TBD Indiana (overnight room and dinner provided by TBoI) for interviews.

### Application Procedure:

On a separate sheet of paper:

1. List your name, address, phone number, email address, and date of birth.
2. Give a short biography of yourself, including how many hives you currently have and how long have you been a beekeeper?
3. To which local beekeeping club do you belong?
4. List any statewide or national conferences you have attended.
5. List any educational presentation you have given (if any), including date, topic, and organization.
6. Answer the following questions with at least a minimum of a paragraph each:
  - What is your favorite beekeeping-related activity?
  - What positive values have you gained from beekeeping?
  - What is the best way to promote the importance of honey bees to the general public?
  - Some beekeepers use chemicals to control pests (such as mites) in their hives. What are the advantages and disadvantages to using chemicals in your hives?
  - Tell us about a funny incident that has happened to you during your beekeeping activities.
  - What are your future plans as a beekeeper?

All responses should be typewritten, double-spaced with a 12 point font and 1” margin. The Young Beekeeper should take all the space he or she needs to answer the questions completely.

For the recommending sponsor: (May be sent with the Young Beekeeper’s application, or separately.) Why is this Young Beekeeper deserving of this award?

Submissions may be sent via email to [jettinindy@gmail.com](mailto:jettinindy@gmail.com) or regular mail to: Jeanette Wiles, Young Beekeeper Award Coordinator, 16015 Union Chapel Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060

DEADLINE: September 1, 2023