



# Scholarship Application

This scholarship, sponsored by and administered by The Beekeepers of Indiana (“TBoI”), was established to financially assist an individual currently enrolled in an accredited United States based undergraduate degree program preparing the candidate to pursue a career in apiculture. The Scholarship will provide financial tuition assistance for the selected candidate as well as waive the registration fee for the individual to attend the next scheduled TBoI Fall Conference.

An electronic version of this application is available on the TBoI website. You can also request an application from joekimmel41@gmail.com, Subject: Scholarship.

## **Manner of Award of the Scholarship**

- The \$2,000 scholarship will be paid directly to the university toward the student’s tuition.
- The scholarship will be paid in two installments, one for each semester of an academic year.
- The academic year first semester will be the fall semester and the second semester will be the spring semester.
- The payments will be made as soon as the scholarship recipient's enrollment has been verified.

## **Scholarship Eligibility**

- The candidate must be a student who is in good academic standing.
- The candidate must be a citizen of the United States of America (“US”) who is a full-time student with junior or senior status enrolled in an accredited US based undergraduate degree program that is preparing the candidate to pursue a career in apiculture (commonly through degrees in animal science, biology, entomology, or agriculture).
- The candidate must have kept honey bees for a minimum of two (2) years by the beginning of their junior college year.

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- Qualified candidates must complete an application form providing their contact information, brief beekeeping experience and education, and other relevant data.
- Candidates must provide letters of recommendation from at least two experienced beekeepers, preferably a mentor and another beekeeping individual familiar with the candidate’s experience and qualifications. If possible, this individual should be a Master Beekeeper, state apiarist, educator, or research/extension specialist in the home state of the candidate.
- Candidates must write an essay of no less than two, and no more than three, double-spaced typewritten pages describing their reasons they feel they should be awarded the scholarship.

The essay should also outline the candidate's career ambitions with respect to beekeeping, including both short and long-term plans.

- Application and essay must be typed or legibly printed in blue or black ink.
  - Applications must be received by the Chairperson of TBoI Scholarship Committee by April 1 of the academic year in which the applicant will attend college as a junior or senior.
- Applications can be submitted via email to [joekimmel41@gmail.com](mailto:joekimmel41@gmail.com), or mailed to:

The Beekeepers of Indiana  
Scholarship Committee  
723 N County Road 500 E  
Paoli, IN 47454-9606

### **Award Criteria**

- Preference will be given to candidates who, in the judgment of the TBoI Scholarship Committee, are serious in their commitment to pursuing a career in apiculture. For example, a serious candidate may be planning to pursue a career as a commercial beekeeper, an entomologist, a researcher in apiculture, a queen breeder, or similar profession.
- The candidate does not need to be a member of The Beekeepers of Indiana.
- If the candidate is convicted of a felony, the scholarship will be revoked.
- The candidate must supply a copy of their College Transcript.
- Following each semester of the year that an individual receives the scholarship, the recipient will prepare an article for The Beekeepers of Indiana newsletter, from one page to two pages in length. The article should include photographs and discuss how the scholarship helped the recipient pursue their degree. The article must be submitted via email no later than one month following the end of the semester to the Scholarship Committee Chairman, [joekimmel41@gmail.com](mailto:joekimmel41@gmail.com).
- The scholarship recipient will be required to complete a W-9 for tax purposes.

Direct questions to the TBoI Scholarship Committee Chairman at [joekimmel41@gmail.com](mailto:joekimmel41@gmail.com).



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Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How and when did you get started keeping honey bees? \_\_\_\_\_

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Tell us about your beekeeping experience (How many colonies you have? Where do you keep them? ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever attended any beekeeping classes on basic or advanced topics? Please describe:

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Applicants should provide at least two letters of recommendation from experienced beekeepers that they know. These letters should preferably be written by a beekeeping individual familiar with the applicant's experience and qualifications. If possible, these recommendations should be provided by a state apiarist, educator, or research/extension specialist in the applicant's home state.

Individuals providing recommendations should send their letters directly to the Scholarship Committee Chairman at [joekimmel41@gmail.com](mailto:joekimmel41@gmail.com), or by mail to the address at the bottom of this page. These letters must be received no later than midnight, April 1, 2026. The scholarship committee will not be held responsible for applications received past midnight, April 1, 2026 and **late applications are not accepted**. Mailed applications will use the U.S. Post Office postmarks to determine application date.

Please list the individuals' providing letters of recommendation on your behalf:

(1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience in beekeeping: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Experience in beekeeping: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach to this application an essay of two to three pages in length, typed and double-spaced, that describes their reasons they feel they should be awarded the scholarship. The essay should also outline the candidate's ambitions with respect to beekeeping, including both short and long-term plans.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Submit this completed application, with your essay, to [joekimmel41@gmail.com](mailto:joekimmel41@gmail.com).  
or mail application and supporting documents, to: Scholarship Committee Chairman, 723 N County Road 500 E, Paoli, IN 47454-9606