

The BCBA/ Charlie Stewart Grant

In January of 2001 the Blount County Beekeepers Association established the Charlie Stewart Scholarship program in memory of one of its longstanding and honored members. The scholarship is funded by an annual auction of beekeeping equipment, baked goods and other beekeeping paraphernalia in the spring. In the past, the scholarship was presented to young persons, age 13-18, to promote beekeeping and teach the skills necessary to become good beekeepers. After awarding 3 scholarships over the first 3 years, the Board of BCBA has modified the award and the new name is ***The BCBA/Charlie Stewart Grant***.

The purpose of the grant is to enhance the skills of **current beekeepers**, or to promote **new beekeepers**, young and old. The number of grants awarded will depend on the success of the auction each spring. This year we will try to assign mentors to grant recipients for new beekeepers, so the number of grants has yet to be determined. The only requirement to be eligible for the grant is to make application, and to state the intended use of the grant money in your beekeeping endeavors. If you are a new beekeeper and wish to apply, you may state you need to purchase equipment or protective clothing. Current beekeepers may wish to apply to enhance their already established apiaries, such as trying new mite treatments or beetle control traps, etc. We hope that the following year you would be able to speak to the club about how you used your grant, and what you were able to accomplish with it.

Applications for the 2010 Charlie Stewart Grant are due by March 1st, 2010. The committee will meet, select recipients, and award the grants at the March meeting. Thank you for your interest, and we hope to see you at the monthly meetings!

Sincerely,

Stacey Adair, Secretary BCBA

BLOUNT COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Application for the BCBA/Charlie Stewart Grant

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

AGE: _____

Are you currently a beekeeper? How many hives?

Are you a member of Blount County Beekeepers Association?

If awarded the grant, please give in detail your intended use of the money.

Would you be willing to speak to the association at a meeting the next year about how you were able to use the grant in your beekeeping efforts?

Please return application to: Stacey Adair
2725 Stephens Road
Maryville, TN 37803

DEADLINE March 1, 2010