

CMGA Youth Support Fund

The Canadian Meat Goat Association (CMGA) believes in the importance of getting young people involved in the meat goat industry. Whether it is starting a meat goat operation, post-secondary education in the field of agriculture or attending industry events the CMGA is pleased to announce a scholarship to assist young people to get started in the industry.

The CMGA will award up to \$500 annually in monies to outstanding youth members who are actively involved in the commercial meat goat industry. The number of successful applicants and the amount awarded to each will be at the discretion of the selection committee. The purpose of the fund is to support youth members that show a vested interest in the industry to pursue activities that will help them develop as potential future industry leaders.

Qualifications

- Open to all juniors, **age 21 and under** as of January 1st of the current year.
- Must be a current member of the CMGA.
- Must currently own commercial meat goats, Boer, Kiko or percentage.
- The fund is only available one time per person.
- Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to refine their presentation and apply again.

Applications Must Include

- ✓ A cover letter and resume outlining level of involvement, experience, and achievements within the meat goat industry. This presentation letter will serve as an executive summary for a snapshot of who you are. It must share your passion for the industry with an appropriate use of word-tone.
- ✓ A 750-word typed essay describing a current issue facing the Canadian meat goat industry, offering ideas and solutions to solve that issue.
- ✓ A proof of requested money (invoice, purchase order, etc.).
- ✓ Acceptance letter from institution if the fund is to be used for post-secondary education or all information, including course outline and contact information if the funds are requested for courses.
- ✓ A business plan for business start-ups. Your business plan will serve as a roadmap for the years ahead. Use a S.M.A.R.T. approach for defining your goals, i.e. Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic/Relevant and Time Bound. This plan must also cover:
 - Research on your industry, what is your market and who are your competitors
 - What are the opportunities.
 - The details of your financial plan.
- ✓ A letter of reference from a CMGA member in good standing or a current industry professional (excluding family members).

Conditions

- Applications can be submitted for but not limited to, costs associated with post-secondary agricultural courses, attending industry events, courses in goat production, purchasing breeding stock, starting a meat goat operation to name a few.
- Essays will be judged on originality, creativity, grammar, clarity of expression, accuracy, relevance, and a passion for the meat goat industry (according to the age of the participants). They must meet all requirements to be reviewed by the board.
- The CMGA reserves the right to print all or parts of submitted essays in the Meat Goat Journal and or the CMGA website.

Signed applications are due by **July 31**. Please include your contact information. No applications will be accepted after July 31 regardless of reason.

The successful applicants will be notified by the CMGA office by September 30.

All applications are to be sent to the **CMGA office 155, Ave des Erables, St.Gabriel.de.Kamouraska QC G0L 3E0** or by email info@canadianmeatgoat.com.

Good luck to all applicants!