

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 new 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.
- Letter of reference from a CMGA member in good standing or a current industry professional (excluding family members).
- The fund is only available one time per person.
- Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to apply again.

Applications

- Please include a cover letter and resume outlining level of involvement, experience and achievements within the meat goat industry.
- A 750 word typed essay describing a current issue facing the Canadian meat goat industry, offering ideas and solutions to solve that issue.
- 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.
- Attach proof of requested money.
- Money to be used for post-secondary education include acceptance letter from institution.
- Money requested for courses include all information, including course outline and contact information.
- Include business plan for business start-ups.
- Essays will be judged on originality, creativity, grammar, clarity of expression, accuracy, relevance and a passion for the meat goat industry.
- 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 449 Laird Rd. Unit 12, Guelph, ON N1G 4W1** or by email info@canadianmeatgoat.com.
- All applications will be reviewed by a committee of meat goat experts.
- All committee decisions are final. The CMGA reserves the right to print all or parts of submitted essays in the Meat Goat Journal and or the CMGA website.

Good luck to all applicants!