

Dear Young Shepherd Award Applicants,

The WV Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association congratulates each of you for an outstanding job on your applications and encourages you to pursue your interests in the sheep and goat industry whether you were selected to receive this award or not.

This year the John Sponaugle Memorial Award was added to supplement the Young Shepherds Awards. In remembrance of John Sponaugle, the West Virginia Sheep and Goat Breeders Association has established funds to assist youth in becoming future Shepherds. John was a longtime member and supporter of the WVPSBA. Anyone that knew John, knew that he was an advocate for youth in agriculture. The intent of this \$500 award is to assist in the development of a starter flock or help advance an existing flock, develop breeding and production skills and increase involvement in the sheep industry.

The West Virginia Sheep and Goat Breeders Association with the support of The West Virginia Department of Agriculture have established funds to assist youth in becoming future West Virginia Shepherds. The intent is to develop starter flocks or herds, develop breeding and production skills and increase involvement in the sheep and goat industries.

The WV Purebred Sheep Breeders' youth committee received 34 completed applications to review. The selection committee found it very challenging to select the winning applications from so many worthy applicants. Even if you were not successful this year, we encourage you to reapply next year. We hope you will also take advantage of the youth activities and awards scheduled to be conducted at this year's WV Purebred Sheep and Goat Show and Sale being conducted at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Petersburg on Saturday, June 5 through Sunday, June 6. Visit our website to obtain a complete sale catalog and the complete lists of activities and awards being offered to youth.

www.wvsheepandgoatsale.com recipients of the 2021 Young Shepherds Award will each receive \$1000.00 for the purchasing of breeding sheep or goats.

Congratulations to the following youth applicants who will receive these awards for 2021.

Junior Division – WV Young Shepherds
Lydia Heavner – Pendleton County
Ty Heavner – Pendleton County

Senior Division – WV Young Shepherds
Curtis Hileman – Preston County
Blake Kitzmiller – Mineral County



John Sponaugle Memorial Award
Khole Haslacker – Grant County

Saturday, June 5

10:00 AM Junior Judging Contest
1:00 PM Awards Presentation
1:30 PM Junior Judging Awards
2:30 PM Sheep and Goat Sale

Sunday, June 2

11:00 AM Mountaineer Classic – Open to all youth

Sincerely,

The West Virginia Purebred Sheep Breeders' Association Youth Committee