

# Shropshire Starter Flock Award

**Applications due March 15, 2025.** We are pleased to announce that through the generosity and vision of several prominent Shropshire breeders that the Ninth Shropshire Starter Flock Award will be given to 2 lucky youths in the spring of 2025.

## What it is...

The Shropshire Starter Flock Award will be given out annually and will help to establish one new Shropshire flock every year. This year we will award 2 prizes. First place will be awarded \$1000 to be used toward the purchase of 2 or more females. Second place will be \$500 to be awarded for the purchase of 1 or more females. We ask that the winners attend the National Sale in Greenfield, Indiana on April 26th. The animals selected will range in age from ewe lambs to yearling ewes and should be of sound structure and will maintain good breed type.

## How it works...

If you are interested in winning this award flock, you are expected to do the following:

1. Complete the Application
2. Include 1 or more letters of recommendation
3. Write an essay to the National Junior Shropshire Sheep Association. Be sure to include background information about yourself. This document should illustrate your goals and intentions with the animals should you win the award.
4. Include a Budget for the year for the keeping of 2 or more Shropshire Ewes

Please type your essay and assure its arrival by March 15, 2025. Please include your mailing address, telephone number and email address. All applicants should be between the ages of 8 and 20. Do not consider your application complete until you receive a confirmation of its receipt from the Shropshire office.

## Also...

Winners are asked to give back to the Starter Flock Award Program in some way in the years to come. The awarded animals are asked to be shown at a county fair, a state fair and a Regional National show (All American Junior Show, North American International Livestock Expo, The Big E, or the Midwest Regional Show). These are the only things that we, the NJSSA, ask from the winner of this annual award.

Applications, essays and supporting documentation should be mailed or e-mailed to the address below no later than March 15, 2025. All applications will be reviewed and discussed by the award committee and the winner will be chosen and contacted to make arrangements to receive their award at a spring sale. Whichever sale you chose to make your purchase you will have a \$1000 or \$500 credit which can be used when you pay for your purchases.

Whether you are looking to add a second breed to your farm or looking to make a start in the sheep business, we invite you to take a chance and write to win. Good luck and we look forward to your application.

Sincerely, *National Junior Shropshire Sheep Association*

Taylor Young, *President*

For more information, contact:

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**Shropshire Starter Flock Application**  
**Application deadline March 15**

**Applicant**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian**

**name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names of Reference(s)**

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Please send all materials by March 15, 2025 to:

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