

U.S. Targhee Sheep Association

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12th Annual U.S. Targhee Sheep Association Starter Flock

Three Free Registered Targhee Sheep to be Awarded to Deserving Youth

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association (USTSA) will again, for the 12th straight year, be offering a free registered Targhee Starter flock to a deserving youth at the 2020 USTSA National Show and Sale, held July 16-18, 2020, in Redfield, South Dakota. In previous years, the generous members of the USTSA have awarded 18 starter flocks, totaling 60 head of sheep, and have also donated almost \$13,000 towards buyers credits for the award winners to purchase additional sheep at USTSA national sales. The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171 genotype. The winner will also receive a \$150 credit for use toward purchase of additional animals at the 2019 national sale.

Applications, due **April 1st**, are now available to download at www.ustargheesheep.org or by contacting Mardy Rutledge at the USTSA office (ustargheesheep@gmail.com or 702-292-5715). Any young person, ages 9-17, as of January 1, 2020, whose family does not raise Targhee sheep may apply. Applicants should possess a keen interest in the U.S. sheep industry, commitment to raising Targhee sheep over time, and a firm belief in the abilities of the breed. Applicants must demonstrate proof of care, facilities, and transportation. Aside from receiving the flock of sheep, the winning youth, will be paired with a Targhee breeder living near them who will act as a mentor. The association is committed to helping the winner succeed.

Targhee sheep are one of the few breeds developed in the United States at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho. Withstanding harsh environments and minimal human intervention, while still producing high quality lamb and wool are hallmark traits of Targhees. Mothering ability and gentle dispositions are additional positive traits of the breed.

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association believes in the future. The success the program has had thus far has only affirmed it is the right thing to do for young people. Please pass the word along to a young person you know. Visit the USTSA website at www.ustargheesheep.org for more information.