

## **WISCONSIN STATE RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION ENTREPRENEURIAL GRANT**

### **PURPOSE & DIRECTION**

1. The purpose of this grant is to provide a youth/young member of WSRBA some money to develop and work through a project that would benefit the WSRBA, it's members, and/or the rabbit industry in Wisconsin. Applicants will be judged on the impact the proposed project has on others. The project cannot be self-serving. It must align with the main objective of the Grant Program, which is to promote and perpetuate our rabbit hobby or industry in Wisconsin.
2. The Wisconsin State Rabbit Breeders Association will offer one or more \$100-\$500.00 Entrepreneurial Grants each year. A Scholarship/Grant Committee from the WSRBA will review the applications to determine if any of the proposed projects are worthy of the grant. At the June/July meeting, the Board will determine the exact amount and number of grants to be awarded.
3. The grant winner(s) will be announced at the Annual Membership Meeting at the Wisconsin State Rabbit Breeders Convention in September.
4. The grant award money can be presented to the winner anytime from the State Convention that the award was announced to the next State Convention, depending on the nature and timing of the project to be funded. If the project does not get underway by that time, the money will be forfeited.
5. A completed application form shall be sent to: Wisconsin State Rabbit Breeders Association, c/o Kevin Buttles, N7605 Miller Rd., Black Creek, WI 54106-9107  
oreodalefarm@cs.com

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS & REQUIREMENTS

1. The application includes a complete and detailed description of the proposed project along with a financial budget, a personal statement about “how rabbits have impacted my life”, statements describing the member’s involvement with the Wisconsin State Rabbit Breeders Association, and future goals in and outside of the rabbit hobby.
2. The applicant must be an active member of the Wisconsin State Rabbit Breeders Association and a Wisconsin all breed club for at least three years as of July 1 of the application year. Applicant must be 14 to 20 years of age at time of application. Applicant is not required to reside in Wisconsin.
3. Applicants who do not receive a WSRBA Entrepreneurial Grant may re-apply in subsequent years. Winners of a WSRBA Entrepreneurial Grant may reapply in two years if they still meet the requirements.
4. To complete the grant application process and have WSRBA present the award money, the grant winner must submit a brief final outline of the project, indicating any changes from the original application; what the money will be used for; and who will benefit from the project. A form will be provided for this purpose. The WSRBA Scholarship/Grant Committee will appoint a WSRBA member to act as a mentor who will provide guidance and advice as needed. The winner is expected to keep the mentor informed of progress and activities planned and completed so that such information can be presented to the Board at the next appropriate meeting. Although frequent and scheduled verbal communications are expected, written documentation of progress and activities is required. The WSRBA mentor will assist with this reporting process.
5. Grant winners are expected to give a short presentation about their project at the first WSRBA State Convention following the completion of their project. A simple form will be provided to the member to assist with the outline of the presentation.
6. Postmark or dated e-mail deadline for completed application form is July 1. A “completed application form” must include the following:
  - a. The grant application form attached hereto or same form delivered electronically;
  - b. And three (3) letters of reference that would provide insight to the applicant’s ability, commitment, resources, etc. to completing the proposed project.
7. Attach additional pages to the application to complete answers to the application. If any part of the application or references is not received by the deadline, it will be considered incomplete and not worthy of consideration for that year. Application must be typed.

**ENTREPRENEURIAL GRANT APPLICATION**

**FULL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF BIRTH:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE AS OF JAN. 1 This Yr:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE NO.                      CELL PHONE NO.                      E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

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**NAME OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF YOUR LOCAL ALL BREED CLUB AND YEAR JOINED**

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**PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF YOUR ALL BREED CLUB**

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**I HAVE READ MY COMPLETED APPLICATION AND IT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.**

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MEMBER SIGNATURE DATE

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PARENTS’/GUARDIANS’ SIGNATURES

**SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:  
Kevin Buttles  
N7605 Miller Rd.  
Black Creek, WI 54106-9107  
oreodalefarm@cs.com**

**POSTMARK DEADLINE IS JULY 1**

**LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS  
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

## **YOUR BUSINESS PLAN**

**PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- A. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF YOUR PROJECT, STARTING WITH TITLE.**
  
- B. WHY IS THIS PROJECT IMPORTANT? WHO WILL BENEFIT AND HOW?**
  
- C. A TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS RELATED TO PROJECT.**
  
- D. A LIST OF SHORT AND LONG TERM GOALS.**
  
- E. PROVIDE A FINANCIAL STATEMENT INDICATING PROJECTED EXPENSES AND INCOME, IF ANY. ALSO INCLUDE YOUR PERSONAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT.**
  
- F. HOW DID YOU IDENTIFY THE OPPORTUNITY TO START THIS PROJECT AND WHAT PLANING HAVE YOU STARTED SO FAR?**
  
- G. WHAT ASSISTANCE WILL YOU NEED TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR GOALS AND REACH A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION TO YOUR PROJECT?**
  
- H. WHAT ARE THE RISKS THAT MIGHT BE ENCOUNTERED?**

**WSRBA & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES,  
WORK EXPERIENCES, AND  
GOALS & PERSONAL STATEMENT**

**I. DESCRIBE THE WISCONSIN STATE RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION SPONSORED EVENTS, ACTIVITIES OR YOUTH PROGRAMS YOU HAVE ATTENDED, BEEN INVOLVED WITH OR PARTICIPATED IN. (INCLUDE DATE OF EVENT/ACTIVITY WHERE APPLICABLE).**

**J. DESCRIBE ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES, AWARDS RECEIVED, ETC. OUTSIDE OF WSRBA THAT WOULD INDICATE YOUR ABILITY & COMMITMENT TO ACCOMPLISHING YOUR PROJECT. (INCLUDE DATE OF EVENT/ACTIVITY WHERE APPLICABLE).**

**K. DESCRIBE ANY WORK AND/OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES THAT WOULD INDICATE YOUR ABILITY & COMMITMENT TO ACCOMPLISHING YOUR PROJECT.**

**L. DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATION GOALS AND FUTURE CAREER PLANS.**

**M. DESCRIBE IN A 100-WORD SUMMARY OF “HOW RAISING RABBITS HAS IMPACTED YOUR LIFE.”**