

Utah Beekeepers Association:

Thank you so much for letting us apply for your junior beekeeper's program. My son Nathan is the one who originally emailed you (Neil), and you emailed us back that even though he lives out of your area, you would make an exception for him to apply.

The attached application is actually on Nathan's behalf, but we have four children (ages 11, 11, 14 & 16) in our family and they all want to be involved. Our daughter, McKell, signed up to do the paperwork part of the workload, so that's why the application is in her name.

Thanks so much—it's already been a fun experience for us.

Susan Richins

Utah County Beekeepers Association

Be a Beekeeper Program Application

McKell Richins, Age 14

### Beehive Essay

Beekeeping is fascinating. It is amazing how the bees know what other bees are allowed into the hive. The way that they make honey and produce enough to sustain themselves and still have extra honey is intriguing. I am interested in beekeeping because of my Uncle. He recently started his own beekeeping adventure. Whenever I go to his house he is always willing to show me and my brothers his hives. He takes such pride in his work and he does a good job. I would like to take pride in a beehive like he does.

I live in a rural community and my family has access to land; our house is also surrounded by pasture on three sides. If I had a beehive I would put it in the pasture next to our backyard near our raspberry patch where it would not be bothered and where they can be near the river for water. Observing how the bees pollinate our raspberry patch and our neighbor's apple trees would be very interesting. My neighbors and I also have a lot of flowers during the summer and I think the bees would prosper from what is grown around our neighborhood.

Working with the bees and tracking their progress would be a way that I could see how healthy the hive is. My uncle has encouraged us to get into beekeeping, and he has offered to help us care for the hive and learn about bees. He has explained to us about the commitment it takes to care for bees, including checking the hive, the frames, and watching for signs of the bees' health particularly in watching for foul-brood and mites. He has really enjoyed his hives, and we are hoping to have the chance to learn beekeeping ourselves.

Working with and caring for a beehive would be hard but I think that the rewards that you get for that hard work is worth it. Going to meetings and leaning more about beehives would be fun. I would be happy to share what we will learn with our school and community. The first time I heard about beekeeping was at our fifth grade Environment Field Day where we saw a live hive

frame. I thought it was very interesting, and when our Uncle began keeping bees, we learned even more. Bees have been around for a long time and they are one of nature's most fascinating creatures and I would like to have the privilege of taking care of a beehive.

Thank you for your consideration.

McKell Richins / Parents: Kelly & Susan Richins

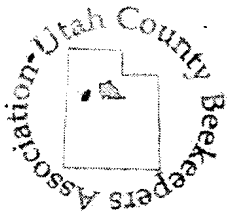
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- Membership in the Utah County Beekeepers Association
- Free tuition for the Utah County Beekeepers Association Beginners Class
- Package of Bees (type of bee to be determined)
- State licensing fees (\$10)
- Complete Hive
  - Bottom Board
  - 2 Deep Supers with Frames and Foundation
  - Inner Cover
  - Telescoping Cover
  - Hive Tool
  - Helmet
  - Veil
  - Smoker
  - Smoker Fuel
  - Gloves
  - One Medium Honey super and Frames/Foundation
  - Queen Excluder

In turn, the participant can expect some expenses to be successful. They may be such things as:

- Additional Honey Supers and Frames
- Disease and parasite prevention
- Extraction equipment or rental fees
- Honey containers
- Others



## Utah County Beekeepers Association Bee A Beekeeper Program Application and Contract

Name: McKell Richins

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Phone: (435)-336-2921

Email Address: Susan@richinsphotography.com

Address where the Bees will be kept: 175 North 200 East

Henefer, UT 84033 P.O. Box 38

Eligibility: The Bee a Beekeeper program is open to any student, grades 3-12 who is currently enrolled in a Utah County or Salt Lake County school (public or private).

Program Rules:

Equipment and Maintenance:

1. Bees, equipment and tools provided must be kept and cared for properly.
2. The participant and the Utah County Beekeepers Association will jointly own the bees, equipment, and tools until the conclusion of the program (one calendar year). At that point, they will become the property of the participant.
3. The participant agrees to pay any additional costs associated with the program.
4. If the participant moves from Utah or Salt Lake County or does not follow the provisions of this contract, they will forfeit their ownership to any bees, equipment or tools supplied by the Utah County Beekeepers Association.
5. The participant hereby acknowledges that the Utah County Beekeepers Association assumes no responsibility for any accident that may occur during my participation in the program.

Academic and Community Service

6. Participants will send a "Thank You" note to their sponsors and a copy of this letter will be provided to the Utah County Beekeepers Association.
7. Participants will supply two letters, i.e. June and October, to their sponsors indicating the progress of their hive. Follow the written requirement format.
8. Participants will supply at least two letters of progress, i.e. June and October, for the year to the Utah County Beekeepers Association. Follow the written requirement format.
9. Participants will attend at least three association meetings throughout the year ~~(membership to the association is included for the duration of the program)~~.
10. Two public speaking engagements which may include any of the following venues: association meetings, farm field days, county or state fairs, and/or school classrooms. Report given may follow the outline of the written requirement.

This contract is to be properly signed and returned to the Utah County Beekeepers Association by Friday, February 12th, 2010 along with the written portion.

Required Signatures:

Applicant: McKell Richins

Parent/Guardian: Kelly E. Rector