



Jacob Sheep Breeders Association

Junior Member Mini-grant Application

The Jacob Sheep Breeders Association (JSBA) is a national non-profit membership organization that works to conserve and protect the American Jacob Sheep breed. In our ongoing support of its young members, JSBA is offering competitive small grants to Junior JSBA members.

How much is awarded? JSBA will award up to four mini-grants annually: two not to exceed \$500 each, and two not to exceed \$250 each. One of each may be awarded in each age category: 1) junior members ages 5 through 11, and 2) junior members ages 12 through 18.

How can the grant be spent? Suitable expenditures include, but are not limited to, purchase of a registered Jacob ram or ewe, fencing, facilities or improvements to an existing facility, supplies, specialized equipment, or product marketing. Funds must be used as stated in the applicant's proposal. Recipients are expected to account for spending the total received.

When are applications due? Electronic applications must be received at coldvalleyfarm@mhtc.net no later than January 31, 2026. Paper applications must be postmarked no later than January 24, 2026. Recipients will be contacted individually by the JSBA President by February 28, 2026 and announced in the JSBA newsletter. A list of recipients will be available online at jsba.org.

Application Instructions and Information

Applicants must:

1. Have been a Junior JSBA member for at least two years as of January 1, 2026 and be actively raising and/or showing Jacob sheep that are registered with JSBA.
2. Submit a detailed plan for the use of the grant funds. Junior members age 11 or under may receive assistance from a parent in preparing the application.
3. Include one letter of support from an adult JSBA member (may be a parent if they are a JSBA member) or a 4-H/FFA sponsor. The letter may be attached to an online application as a PDF, MS Word, or JPEG file. Letters may not be requested from or provided by current board members of JSBA.

Following completion of the project, and no later than one year after receipt of the award, recipients must submit a detailed written report including photos, along with copies of receipts documenting proper expenditure of funds, to the current JSBA President. These reports will be published in a JSBA newsletter.

Junior members who are children or grandchildren of current JSBA directors are not eligible for the mini-grant program.

To submit the completed application and additional materials, either:

Mail your documents to Carl Fredericks, JSBA President, 10246 Gilbertson Road, Mt Horeb, WI 53572 (postmarked no later than January 24, 2026), OR **email** your documents to the JSBA President at coldvalleyfarm@mhtc.net by January 31, 2026.

Please make sure that you and your parent/guardian have signed and dated the application form.

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Name of applicant _____

Date of Birth _____

JSBA Member Number _____ Flock Prefix _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

Name of parent/guardian who gives consent for you to apply _____

Title of Project: (Give your intended project a catchy title.)

Description of Project: On a separate sheet, write a short essay that addresses the following topics. You may write separate paragraphs for each one or combine information into one paragraph.

Personal History – Tell the story of your involvement with Jacob sheep, including how long you have been working with Jacobs, and any projects, clubs (4-H, FFA, etc.), or showing events in which you have participated.

Project Goal(s) – Describe your project goals: what do you want to accomplish? How will you be able to tell if your project succeeded? Tell us how your project will help conserve and protect Jacob sheep, how the funds will help you reach your goal(s), and how this project will help you learn and grow as a young shepherd.

Timeline - Provide a detailed timeline for your project including tasks and expected completion dates, along with a description of how you will evaluate your success as your project progresses.

Budget – You may request up to the full amount (\$500 or \$250), and are expected to account for spending the total received. How will you use the funds? Be specific.

Benefits to Others - Describe how other JSBA members might benefit from your project and how you might share your experience at local events.

Signatures of Applicant & Parent/Guardian

By signing this application, I affirm that all the information included in it and any accompanying documents are accurate, and acknowledge that if the use of any funds awarded to me by JSBA is found to be inconsistent with my proposal, or a written report is not submitted within 12 months after the award of the mini-grant, I voluntarily agree to repay the funds I received to the Jacob Sheep Breeders Association.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

I, the undersigned, am the parent/guardian of [_____] and consent to their submission

Insert Name of Junior Member

of this application for a Junior Member mini-grant. I understand that failure to fulfill the requirements set forth in this application will result in forfeiture of these funds, and agree to repay such funds if my child fails to do so. I also consent to the inclusion in a JSBA newsletter of all information and photos contained in my child's written report.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____