



Incubator Farms at the Horn Farm:  
A Project for Growing New Farmers and Expanding Local Food Markets

#### INCUBATOR BEEKEEPER APPLICATION (2017)

General description: Participants will work under the supervision of our beekeeper, Mark Gingrich of Gingrich Apiaries. Through the course of the two year program, the Incubator Beekeeper will work side by side with Mark and other incubator beekeepers to learn all aspects of keeping bees. At the end of year one, the participant will have the option of receiving a bee colony to be moved to his/her home property. During the second year, the Incubator Beekeeper will continue to learn the beekeeping process as well as assist with mentoring the following year's incoming incubator beekeeper(s).

Program Fee: \$350 per year

Application deadline: December 2, 2016

Program starts: January 13, 2017

Program length: Two years

Program details/requirements:

- Applicant must not have an allergy to bees
- Applicant for the Incubator Beekeeper position should have general understanding and basic knowledge of beekeeping.
- Year One Incubator Beekeeper will purchase his or her own safety equipment and woodenware (Hives/Boxes).
- Mark Gingrich of Gingrich Apiaries, in collaboration with Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education, will act as a mentor to the Incubator Beekeeper.

- Mark will meet in person with the Incubator Beekeeper(s) throughout the season, and be available by phone or email as needed. A schedule will be coordinated between Mark and participants at the initial meeting.
- The bees should be checked every other week – estimated to take approximately (1) hour to perform this task. This will be required from April through October. Additional time may be required to harvest any produced honey or manage any unforeseen disease/parasite/pest problems. A few hours should be set aside to maintain the woodenware once a season.
- Mark and Incubator Beekeeper will split the colony. The parent colony will remain at the Horn Farm for the next Incubator Beekeeper, the year one Incubator Beekeeper will take the split off the Horn Farm to start to his/her own apiary.
- During year two, Incubator Beekeeper will help mentor that season's new beekeeper(s).

Submit completed application to:

Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education  
4945 Horn Road  
York, PA 17406

or [info@hornfarmcenter.org](mailto:info@hornfarmcenter.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe any experience with or knowledge you have of beekeeping or bees in general.

2. What are your future goals with regard to beekeeping and how do you see this program as helping you to achieve those goals?

3. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

4. Please provide two references:

Name

Phone

Email

Relationship

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