



2018 National Goat Conference Producer Scholarship Application

The National Goat Consortium (NGC) has a history of promoting the goat industry in the US and beyond. The consortium has contributed to the success of the industry by supporting and working with producers, agricultural professionals and educators from various communities throughout the United States and the world. Members of the consortium have also worked with private entities, community-based organizations, governmental agencies and other stakeholders to enhance the viability and sustainability of the goat industry in the U.S. Thus, ensuring that producers interested in raising goats as a source of income can further enhance their knowledge and skills, which is one of the best ways to invest in a bright future in the industry.

Therefore, the National Goat Consortium, with the support of SSARE (Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education) is pleased to provide a scholarship opportunity for new and advanced producers interested in promoting the goat industry. **Preference will be given to individuals who express an interest in the goat industry and demonstrate a financial need.** A total of ~60 scholarships will be available for the 2018 National Goat Conference which will be held in Alabama on **September 16-18, 2018** and hosted by **Tuskegee University**. Each scholarship will cover the cost of lodging for three nights (double occupancy) and the producer's registration.

Applications are due by June 30, 2018 by fax (334-727-8552) or email (2018NGC@gmail.com). Scholarship recipients will be notified beginning **July 15**. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Olga Bolden-Tiller at 334-727-8403.

Selection Criteria

The Selection Criteria shall consist of the following:

1. Applicants may be new or advanced goat producers.
2. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen.
3. Applicants shall submit a completed scholarship application that may include a brief description of his/her goat operation or plans for a goat operation and financial need in reference to attending the 2018 National Goat Conference.



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Individuals wishing consideration for this scholarship must submit this application on or before **June 30 via email (2018NGC@gmail.com)** or **fax to 334-727-8552**. Please type or print using black ink. Submitted applications that are difficult to read will not be considered.

Individual's Name (First and Last)

Name of Individual's Farm/Operation (If applicable) _____

Address:

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please MARK all of the following that apply:

____ Attended Goat Related Training Event (**specify** name of event and location:

_____)

____ I attended a previous National Goat Conference (2010 in Florida or 2013 in North Carolina)

____ I work with an extension agent/specialist in my state (specific name/institution: _____
_____)

____ I am a new/beginning farmer/rancher and would attend a related session at 2018 National Goat Conf.

____ I own the following animals (*check as many applicable*) _____ meat goats _____ dairy goats _____ fiber goats _____
other _____ or _____ I own no animals at this time

____ (OPTIONAL) In the space below (and reverse side as needed), please provide a brief description of your goat operation OR plans for a goat operation and financial need in reference to attending the 2018 National Goat Conference.



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I authorize the release of the information provided on this Scholarship Application to Scholarship Committee and Scholarship donors. I consent to my photo image being used by the consortium in conjunction with this award if selected as a recipient.

Signature _____

Date _____