

## **National Columbia Ambassador Program**

- 1.. The Columbia Ambassador program is a unique way to help promote and be highly involved with Columbia sheep, the people who raise them and hone useful leadership skills for the future. During the one-year term, the Ambassador will represent the CSBA at sheep and lamb related activities and to interact with the people and institutions that impact the sheep industry.
2. An adult coordinator, from the CSBA Youth Committee, will assist with events and duties.
3. The Ambassador is eligible from the ranks of the National Columbia Sheep Breeders Association.
  - a. This may include someone who is actively involved in the production and registration of purebred Columbia sheep OR be the child of a parent, grandparent, or guardian who is actively involved in the production and registration of purebred Columbia sheep.
  - b. The candidate shall be 14 years of age by the date of the National Columbia Show and Sale annual meeting but shall not have reached 22 years of age prior to that time. The 2025 qualification date is June 5, 2025 the day of the annual meeting election of the Ambassador.
  - c. Young men and women are eligible.
4. The Ambassador shall be a current member of the Junior Columbia Association.
5. The Ambassador will, regularly, report to the CSBA Board of Directors.
6. The Ambassador is encouraged to attend events such as (but not limited to) county, state, and national shows, consumer-related lamb/wool events, parades, industry forums, and educational events to actively promote Columbia sheep and the CSBA.
7. The Ambassador is encouraged to attend the NAILE in Louisville, Kentucky.
  - a. A stipend of up to \$1,500 is provided by the Columbia Sheep Breeders Association for transportation and lodging for the Ambassador to attend the Junior Jackpot Show and All-American Open shows at the NAILE.
    - 1) Receipts and mileage can be submitted to the Executive Secretary following the NAILE.
    - 2) The stipend is not a lump sum payment.
- 8 Application
  - a. Submit a brief article to the Speaking of Columbias sale catalog. Explain why you would like to be the Ambassador and describe your background in Columbia sheep production and promotion. Submission date is April 15th, to the Executive Secretary.
  - b. You are encouraged to attend the annual CSBA meeting and introduce yourself to the CSBA membership and explain your desire to become the Columbia Ambassador.
  - c. Contact the Jr. Advisor for more details or if you cannot attend the National Show but are interested in the Ambassador position.