



## North Carolina Microbreeder Initiative

### Application for Queen Rearing Grant

### NC State Apiculture Program

Objective: NC State University is offering grants to support beekeepers in NC by providing equipment and training for future queen producers. Groups should have previous beekeeping experience, an existing apiary to be used for this project, and several members committed to seeing this project through two years. Each county club/group/participant will receive up to 15 queen castles and other equipment for queen rearing to be used to produce local queens to help the local beekeeping industry.

**Deadline for application is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Successful recipients will be notified by December 15, 2024. This will allow time for plans to be made to acquire equipment and attend a one-day training on February 1, 2025

#### Grant Guidelines

- Beekeeping organizations in North Carolina are eligible to apply for the grant. Priority will go to county chapters and organizations over individual applicants.
- The maximum of each grant is up to 15 queen castles and other necessary equipment for queen rearing.
- Organizations that receive the grant are required to maintain the queen rearing program for at least two years.
- Grant recipients are required to form a committee with a team leader to be point for all communication. It is the responsibility of this team to establish and maintain the project.
- Grant recipients are required to submit annual interim reports that summarize the work accomplished. This report is required each year by December 31, for two years after the grant is awarded.
- Applications should be submitted by google forms or typed. The completed application document should be submitted by November 15, 2024.



## Eligible Grant Components

- Woodenware (3-way queen castles) and other materials necessary for queen rearing will be provided. (Honey bee colonies will not be provided as part of the grant)
- Educational expenses for no more than two persons per grant - eligible educational expenses include registration and materials for a queen rearing course by the NC State Apiculture Program to help facilitate this project. This one-day training will be held on February 1, 2025.

## Required Grant Summary

Each grant recipient is required to submit interim reports for 2 years after the grant is awarded, as well as a final report. The interim reports should include the following components.

- A typed summary of the project and the methods used in the project (not to exceed one page). Please describe how the committee worked to complete the project, how many queens were successfully produced, and how the project benefited the larger community.
- A minimum of two pictures that showcase the project.
- A minimum of five queens submitted to the NCSU Queen & Disease Clinic for analysis (fees waived).
- Total amount of money earned from the project, if applicable.
- Total number of hours volunteered/donated by the local beekeeper's association member(s).
- The number of participants with no prior experience in queen production.

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To apply, please fill out [Google Form](https://forms.gle/xV58iCN2By9ZfokH8) (preferred) at <https://forms.gle/xV58iCN2By9ZfokH8> or complete this form electronically and email to the contact below.

Answers are limited to 2,500 characters (with spaces) or about one page.

Name of County Group or Organization:

Primary Contact Person:

Phone number:

Have you attended the NCSBA's Born and Bred program, or have previously raised queens?

How many years of beekeeping experience do you have?

How many hives do you maintain?

Are you a member of the NCSBA?

Describe yourself and your fellow beekeepers that are willing to commit their time to this project. What do you think makes your group amenable to this queen rearing project?

Describe the communal apiary and resources available to be used for this project. How many beekeepers will benefit from this project?

List of other members committed to this project. Please include name, email address, phone number. Also include their years of beekeeping experience, number of hives they maintain, and if they participate in the NCSBA Master Beekeeping Program.

<b>Name</b>	<b>email address</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Years of experience</b>	<b>Number of hives</b>	<b>MBP Participant?</b>
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