



# Developing Shearer & Mentor Grant

## 2023 SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

There is a large and continuing need for sheep shearers across the United States. Domestic shearers are becoming fewer and it is increasingly difficult to bring international shearers into the U.S. Seeing the need of more shearers for both large and small sheep operations, the ASI Wool Council has developed a grant program to incentivize the development of U.S. shearers.

This grant program will support developing shearers as they work to increase the quality of their shearing and the amount of sheep they are able to shear each day, thus working to build their income and longevity in the shearing industry. Additionally, as the mentor provides the developing shearer with knowledge and an avenue to shear, thereby sharing their work and income and slowing the number of operations they can shear, mentors are also supplemented.

ASI Wool Council has allocated \$15,000 for this program for fiscal year 2023. The grant will be given to developing shearers and mentors at \$1,500 each. Developing shearers will be paid \$500 once accepted and \$1,000 upon completion. Mentors will be paid \$1,500 upon completion. Developing shearers and mentors may apply jointly or separately; jointly is preferred.

For more information, visit <https://www.sheepusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-Developing-Shearer-Mentor-Grant-Application.pdf>.

### Program Sponsorship

Organizations can play an important role in the program and the U.S. shearing industry by becoming a Sponsor. (State associations can use wool outreach funds if desired.)

#### ≤ \$1,499 Sponsorship

Sponsorships in any amount will allow the program to help more developing shearers. You will receive recognition in printed publications and will aid the U.S. in developing and retaining shearers.

#### ≥ \$1,500 Sponsorship

\$1500 allows for the full sponsorship of an additional developing shearer in the program. With a full sponsorship, you can choose if you would like to sponsor a developing shearer or mentor from across the U.S. or specifically from your area. You will also be put in touch with the person you are sponsoring and will receive photos and updates on their progress. Finally, you will be recognized in printed publications and industry communications.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor and aiding developing shearers, please contact Heather Pearce at [heather@sheepusa.org](mailto:heather@sheepusa.org) or call 303-771-3500 ext.102 by January 1, 2023.

*We appreciate your support!*