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## 2026 COLLINSWORTH ESSAY GRANT

Cultivating curiosity about honeybees.

Honeybees are hardworking, tirelessly gathering nectar and pollen to share with their hive. They provide a vital ecological service by pollinating agricultural, garden and native plants.

*Love the outdoors?*

*Enjoy learning new things?*

*Like working with your hands?*

*Up for a challenge?*



Explore more about these fascinating insects by participating in the **Collinsworth Grant**.

Offered by the **Clinch Valley Beekeepers Association**, the grant provides students the equipment they will need to begin their journey in honey bee cultivation.

Open to all Hancock, Hawkins, Grainger, Union, and Claiborne County residents 10-21 years of age over who are new to beekeeping. Younger applicants have priority.

**Complete your application on or before our March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.**

Applications may be submitted in person or [e-mail](mailto:cvbanewsletter@gmail.com) :  
[cvbanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:cvbanewsletter@gmail.com)

### Grant Winners Must:

- Become members of the **Clinch Valley Beekeepers Association** for a minimum of 2 years and attend 80% of scheduled meetings.
- Attend the Beekeepers Short Course
- Supply their own bees (can be ordered through the club).
- Secure a member mentor to guide the new beekeeper.
- Attend the CVBA Workday where they will receive and be helped in assembling their equipment.

**Deadline for entry is  
March 21, 2026**

### Winners Will Receive:

1 bottom board	1 deep super
1 inner cover	1 hat/veil
1 top cover	1 hive tool
10 deep frames	1 brush
10 wax sheets	1 smoker

Clinch Valley Beekeepers meet the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month:

**Treadway Fire Hall**

**189 Highway 131**

**Treadway, TN 37881**

Doors open at 6:30

Meeting starts 7:00

Potluck dinner 7:30

Lesson/presentation 7:45

Hall cleanup immediately after.

# 2026 COLLINSWORTH ESSAY GRANT APPLICATION

Please read entire application before signing and submitting both pages.

Have you or someone in your immediate family ever kept bees?     Yes     No

How much time are you able to devote to beekeeping?     3 hrs./wk     6 hrs./wk     As long as it takes.

The Clinch Valley Beekeepers Association is dedicated to helping you become a successful beekeeper. You must meet the following eligibility requirements to apply for The Collinsworth Essay Grant.

- Become a member of CVBA **and** attend 80% of regular CVBA meetings for the next 2 years?
- You will get and work with a mentor who also must be a CVBA member for the next 2 years.
- Be completely new to beekeeping and be a resident of Tennessee.
- Complete a Beginner's Beekeeping course and attend the CVBA Workday event.
- Commence beekeeping activities in April of this year.
- Accept the beginning beekeeper kit grant.
- Purchase bees and any additional equipment as needed.
- Register your apiary in accordance with the Tennessee Apiary Act of 1995.
- Write a short essay on page 2 of this application form.
- For the first 2 years, half of the honey produced from the grant hive will be returned to CVBA to help defray set-up costs. Commencing the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, all the honey is yours.
- If you cannot complete the 2 year commitment, all equipment and bees will be returned to the Clinch Valley Beekeepers Association. Equipment surrendered to the Clinch Valley Beekeepers Association will be used for public and educational purposes and not for private use of any individual.

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**Applicant's Signature**

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**Parent/Guardian's Signature**

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**Signatures witnessed by**

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**Date**

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**Print Applicant's Name**

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**E-Mail Address**

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**Applicant's Address**

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**City, State, Zip**

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**Telephone Number**

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**Applicant's Age**

**If applicant is a minor please provide parent's/guardian's information**

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**Print Parent/Guardian's Name**

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**E-Mail Address**

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**Telephone Number**

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**Parent/Guardian's Signature**

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**Date**

