

ABLA Foundation Flock

Program Overview



About the Program

In an effort to build a solid future for the Border Leicester breed, the American Border Leicester Association and its membership offer the ABLA Foundation Flock. We believe that Border Leicesters are among the best dual purpose and beginner breeds. This program seeks to pair deserving youth with quality registered breeding stock. The winning applicant will receive:

- Two proven brood ewes
- One unrelated ram lamb
- 2025 ABLA Junior Membership

Applicant Requirements

- Program is open to any youth between 8 and 21 years old as of January 1st, 2025
- Youth must commit to the following:
 - Breed and lamb out their ewes a minimum of one season
 - Exhibiting their lambs in 2026 is encouraged but not required
 - If they are unable to keep the flock for any reason within the first year of ownership, they must offer the right of first refusal to the donor breeder(s)
 - Provide regular updates to their ABLA mentor
 - Submit summary of their experiences to the ABLA board by April 15th, 2026

Application Process

- Completed applications must be submitted by March 15th
- Applications will be reviewed & 2-4 applicants will be offered phone interviews by April 1st
- Winning applicant will be notified of their selection by April 15th
- Winner must be present at the National Border Leicester Sale to receive their flock
 - Greenville, OH
 - May 8th & 9th

Please contact Lydia Smith at echoridgeflock@gmail.com with any questions or to receive the application form.