

Public Service Requirements for the Advanced, Master, and Master Craftsman Levels

Candidates for the Advanced Beekeeper rank and higher **must document** a certain number of public service credits. Public service is defined as volunteer service or educational activity oriented around bees and beekeeping and conducted for the benefit of the *general public*. Educational activities in conjunction with commercial ventures or beekeeper meetings generally do not qualify. Additionally, if your **intended audience** is beekeepers, credits will not apply even if the general public participates.

One public service credit equals a single, **documented** event of a qualified public service. Multiple repetitions of a particular activity may count, but only if they involve separate events or invitations. For example, two presentations to fifth grade science classes may qualify as two public service credits, but the presentations cannot be the same and must be given to a different audience for both times (giving four successive presentations to four class periods will not count as four separate credits if the presentations are the same). If a candidate has any question about whether or not a specific activity will count toward a public service credit, he/she is encouraged to contact the Texas Master Beekeeper Program Board.

In order to receive credit for a public service, the event **must be documented**. Primary documentation is represented by completion of the below form or by original media: conference programs, testimonial letters from third parties, newspaper clippings, photographs, or video recordings. Secondary documentation may lack material evidence of the activity, but must at least include a written statement with the title of the event, date, place, time topic, target clientele group and number attended, description of the activity, and its outcome. In general, documentation must be material evidence, in writing, and more detail is better than less. Program directors reserve the right to accept or reject documentation during program audits. ***Candidates for Advanced, Master, and Master Craftsman Beekeeper ranks must present documentation to the Master Beekeeper Program board prior to taking the written examination. We provide a documentation form below.*** The following activities are pre-approved for satisfying public service credit requirements. Other activities may be considered, but candidates are advised to contact program board members about specific cases.

- 1) Present a bee-related lecture or workshop to a non-beekeeping group (youth or adult).
- 2) Hold an office in a local beekeeping association.
- 3) Appointment by a local County Extension office or other municipal agency as an expert contact on bee-related questions or issues.
- 4) Assist members of youth organizations (4-H, Scouts, FFA, etc.) with project work.
- 5) Mentor a new beekeeper through at least one complete year.
- 6) Give a public demonstration on a beekeeping topic at a fair, festival, or similar public event.
- 7) Provide a hive of bees to pollinate a public garden.
- 8) Establish and maintain an observation hive for a school, civic group, museum, etc.

Last Name

First Name

Advanced Level Cover Sheet

TEXAS MASTER BEEKEEPER PROGRAM

Date Apprentice Level Achieved: _____

Month/Year

PUBLIC SERVICE CREDITS

Please use a few words to describe the event, the date it occurred and the number of people reached for each of the 5 credits. There is space provided to list credits achieved above the required minimum. If necessary, please list any additional credits on another sheet of paper.

Description of Public Service Credit	Date	# people reached
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		

Please sign and date below to certify that all of the above information is correct and accurate to the best of your knowledge.

(signature)

(date)

Level of Program Testing for: _____

(Advanced, Master, Master Craftsman)

Candidate should retain completed form to turn in on day of exam.

Documentation of Public Service Credits

TEXAS MASTER BEEKEEPER PROGRAM

(to be completed with assistance from Master Beekeeper Program candidate and signed by representative from organization sponsoring/hosting the event)

On this date: _____, (name) _____, a candidate for the Texas Master Beekeeper Program, provided or completed an act of public service, which covered the following subject matter related to beekeeping, honey bee pollination, or honey production:

(Please circle applicable areas)

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| 1. Presenting bee-related lecture or workshop to non-beekeeping group | 5. Presenting a public demonstration on beekeeping topic at fair, festival or similar public event |
| 2. Holding office in a local beekeeping association | 6. Providing a hive of bees to pollinate a public garden |
| 3. Assisting members of youth organizations with project work | 7. Establishing and maintaining an observation hive for school or civic group |
| 4. Mentoring a new beekeeper through at least one complete season | Other: _____ |

Organization name: _____

Name of event: _____ Date: _____

General description of event: _____

Estimated number of participants/attendees: _____

Printed name/title of representative/witness: _____

Signature of representative/witness: _____

Contact information (phone and/or email) for signee: _____