

Jump Starter Program

The Jump Starter Program is a partnership between The Beekeepers of Indiana (TBol) and local beekeeping clubs (i.e. **SIBA**) to assist more people to get involved in beekeeping. SIBA may only submit one application for **1 new beekeeper per calendar year**. As we (SIBA) can only select one applicant, we ask that you provide us with a **letter stating why you would like to begin beekeeping by December 31, 2024**. Our Board of Directors will review applicants' letters and **select only 1**. At this time, we will notify the applicant and submit an application to the TBol Jump Starter Program Committee by the January 31, 2025 deadline. Note: Applications for the program may only come from clubs, not from applicants. Approved applications will receive a "kit" from TBol. Details outlined below:

Program Rules

1. Future beekeepers will notify SIBA Board of Directors of their interest in the Jump Starter Program by **December 31, 2024** via **written submission of a letter stating why the applicant would like to begin beekeeping**. Interested applicants must agree to TBol rules.
2. SIBA Board of Directors will read letters from all applicants and **select only 1** to submit to the Jump Starter Program Committee. Letters will be chosen based on genuineness and belief that the candidate will follow through with the hobby and responsibilities to fulfill program requirements and become an excellent beekeeper.

Board of Directors:

- Duane Bischoff- President
- Jeff Montag- Vice President
- Whitney Cooley- Secretary
- Jason Morgan
- Don Burkart

3. **The applicant must be a new beekeeper and a current member of TBol.**
4. The applicant should be a paid member of SIBA (annual membership \$1, lifetime \$20).
5. SIBA will notify the successful applicant and submit an application for the future beekeeper on behalf of our club to TBol by January 31, 2025.
6. The TBol Jump Starter Committee will review applications and notify the local club following approval of the application.
7. **SIBA will provide a mentor** for the new beekeeper that is a member of TBol and has 3+ years' beekeeping experience.
8. **The mentor and new beekeeper will be required to provide quarterly written reports and pictures to their Regional Director.** The Regional Director will submit the reports to the Board of Directors before each TBol quarterly board meeting. ******If no**

report/pictures are provided, SIBA forfeits eligibility for submitting an applicant to the program the following year.

Provided by TBoI:

- Hive Bodies – unassembled
- Frames & foundation (plastic/wax), unassembled
- 100 Support Pins if wax foundation
- 1 Screen bottom board
- 1 Entrance reducer
- 1 Inner cover
- 1 Wood & Metal Telescoping Cover
- 1 Quad Top Feeder
- 1 Smoker
- 1 Bee Brush
- 1 J-hook hive tool

Provided by SIBA:

- 1 Package of bees
- 1 Protective clothing
- 1 Mentor

Thank you for your interest in beekeeping, SIBA, and the Jump Starter Program!

Resources:

SIBA website: <https://www.indianahoney.org/>

The Beekeepers of Indiana website: <https://thebeekeepersofindiana.com/>
Become a member to qualify for the Jump Starter program and receive a quarterly state newsletter!

Indiana Bee School: <https://thebeekeepersofindiana.com/indiana-bee-school/>
Great class for beginning beekeepers. Event is held in February. Info on 2025 event pending.