

# National Sheep Industry Improvement Center

## Grant Application

Date Submitted  Legal Name of Applicant

EIN

Name

Address

City  State  Zip Code

County

Project Title

Person to be contacted about Application

Name  Phone  Email

**Project Abstract** (250-400 words) Include:

Problem or Opportunity

Project Objectives

Description of efforts - Anticipated results

# Grant Budget

Amount requested from NSIIC

\$

Applicant Matching Funds

\$

Local/State/Federal Funds previously awarded for project

\$

TOTAL

\$

Type of Expenditure				TOTAL
Personnel - list each	Relationship to Project	Number of Hours	Rate of Compensation	
Equipment	Purpose	Cost		
Travel	Per Diem	Number of Days	Number of Personnel	
Other Related Expenses				
Overhead				

Provide a qualitative summary, or justification for budget expenditures: (200 words or less)

### Technical Objectives

Responsiveness to NSIC Stated Priorities (from web site)

Prior USDA or other Federal Support

Identification and significance of the issue being addressed

What are the goals to be achieved with this grant funding?

Work Plan - Task, Methodology, Individual responsible, and location where work will be done.

Related Research or other efforts in this area of which you are aware, including an analysis of the competitive landscape if the award is for a commercial application.

Potential Post application in this area of development of research or commercial endeavor.

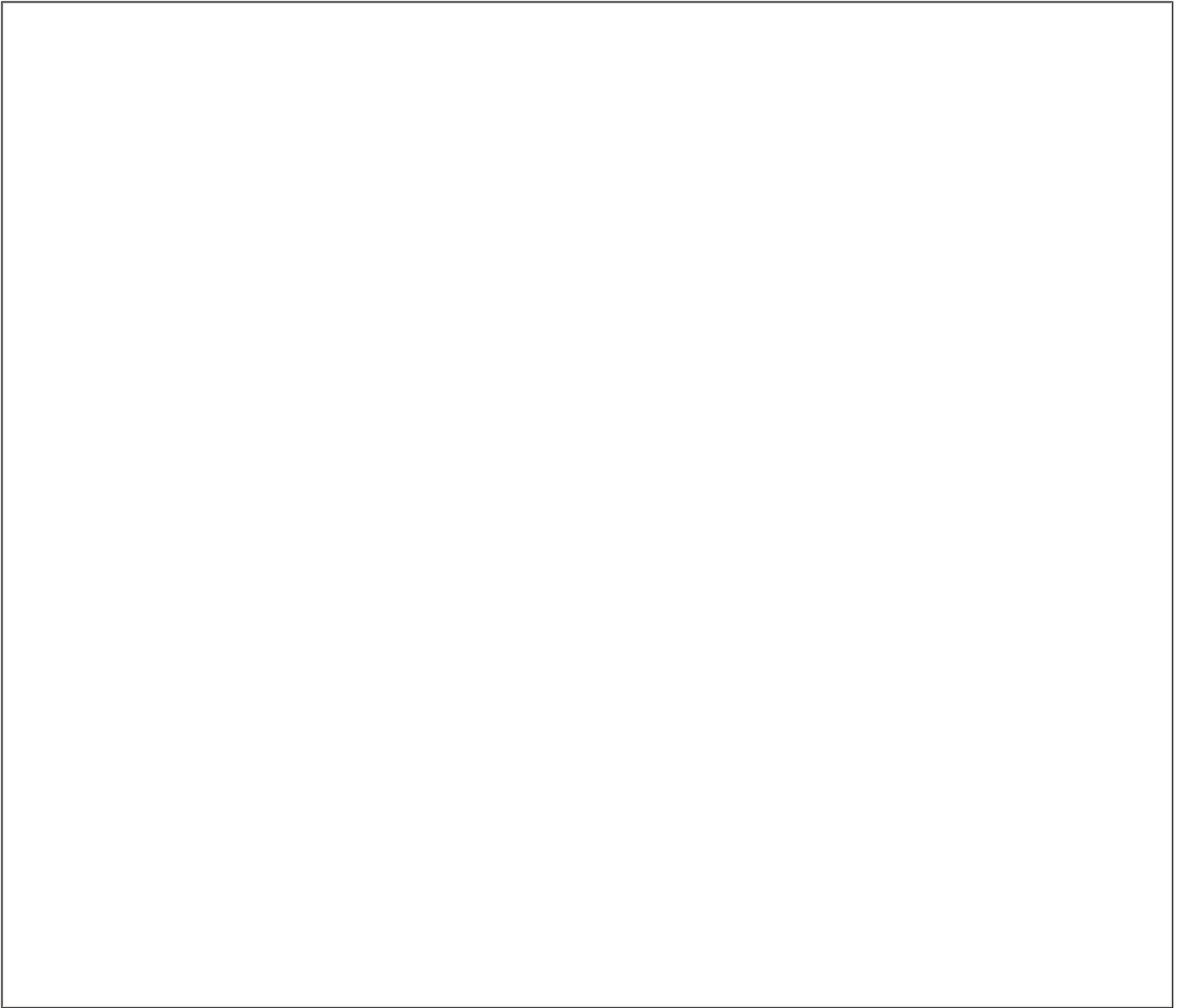
Background and rationale (citation of publications if any)

Relationship to industry, including technical, economic and social benefit.

Cost benefit analysis

Policy or decisions affected by results

## Bio Sketch of each principal person

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The Board will score applications according to the criteria below, which are equally weighted in our review. Please comment on each aspect. (Refer to NSIIC's the Strategic Plan for more info)

**FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY** (i.e., Is the budget proportionate to the endeavor, and will the outcome have a financial benefit to the industry in the near term or will additional funding be required?)

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BUSINESS SOUNDNESS (i.e., Is there a clear project plan for development and realistic expectation of outcomes?)

MANAGEMENT ABILITY (i.e., Are project participants qualified and experienced)

POTENTIAL INDUSTRY IMPACT (i.e., How can the industry be expected to benefit in both qualitative and quantitative measures?)

INDUSTRY SUPPORT (i.e., What data or other information is available to substantiate industry's need or desire for this project?)

**CERTIFICATION:**

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in this Application is true and correct. The document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the Applicant and the Applicant will comply with all Grant requirements if the assistance is awarded.

Signature <sup>SS</sup>  Date  Phone:

Name of authorized representative:

Title:  Email:

Return this application to: [stevelee@nsiic.org](mailto:stevelee@nsiic.org)

If you prefer to send hard copies:

Steve Lee, Executive Director and Program Manager  
National Sheep Industry Improvement Center  
Box 646 Rockland, Maine 04841

207-236-6567

For FedEx or Other Delivery Services:

32 Gleason St Thomaston, ME 04861

Download form to your computer, complete it and save it to your computer prior to submitting to the Sheep Center.

## Additional Information for Applicants:

### **Matching funds:**

In order to leverage funds available, NSIIC will assign 10 points to any application in which a match of cash or in-kind labor is contributed. In-kind matches may only account for 50% of the total match. Additionally, salaries or other expenditures that will be made by the applicant or the applicant's employer, irrespective of a potential grant award, cannot be used as a match.

A subtraction of 10 points will be made from the total score of any application that includes an overhead budget of more than 7.5% of the total grant request. Request for capital expenditures are discouraged, and may not exceed 20% of the total budget in any event. Please justify any requested funding for equipment or other capital expenditures.

## **Notification to Applicants:**

Applicants will be notified via e-mail that their application has been received within a day or two of receipt:

After Review, all applicants will be sent a notice to the e-mail of the person listed as the contact person on the application. That notice will be one of three possible responses:

1) Your application did not score high enough for funding consideration

2) Your application scored high enough for funding as submitted

3) Your application scored high enough for funding but with modifications needed in the budget.

You will be given the opportunity to make those modifications for funding or you may reject the modifications in which case the grant funding offer will be withdrawn. Instruction will be included in the notice.

Please note that the Review Committee will not provide feedback to applicants however in some cases the Board may elect to encourage re submission with certain specific changes (i.e. those the Board feels were good causes but poor application preparation or those with a good idea but not sustainable as presented). In some instances the Board may want to provide a written statement, with the understanding that no further discussion is available.

Please note that proposals submitted more than twice will not be evaluated.

The NSIIC Board request that applicants refrain from communicating with Board Members specifically about the project (i.e. Lobbying your project).

Under no circumstances will applications arriving past the deadline for submission be considered.