

15. Please list any other information in reference to your beekeeping experiences that may be helpful to the MBP committee: _____

16. Please list your past Public Service Credit Hours (Apprentice - 5 hours required annually; Journeyman – 10 hours required annually; Master – 20 hours required annually) January – December.

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Apprentice Beekeeper: Cost \$25.00 for the written and practical testing. Entry level for the program:

1. Written test.
2. Practical test which involves demonstrating a routine hive inspection.
3. 5 hours of approved Public Service Credit (PSC) annually. Approved Public Service Credit includes but is not limited to: Preparing and presenting a honey bee program, staffing a table at a community event, conducting a training class or program at a local school, library, or other club or association.

Journeyman Beekeeper: Cost \$25.00 for the written and practical testing. At this second level of the program, the beekeeper must achieve:

- 1) Written test.
- 2) Practical test which also includes identification of various tools, objects, and pictures relating to honey bee biology and beekeeping.
- 3) Four years of beekeeping experience.
- 4) 10 hours of annual volunteer community service relating to honeybees and beekeeping.

Master Beekeeper: Cost \$50.00 for the written and practical testing. This final level of the program is for a beekeeper who has demonstrated extensive expertise in beekeeping and a number of specialized areas in beekeeping. The requirements are:

- 1) Written test.
- 2) Practical test to demonstrate laboratory skills using a microscope to identify honey bee disease.
- 3) Oral interview.
- 4) Six years of beekeeping experience.
- 5) 20 hours of annual volunteer community service relating to honeybees and beekeeping.

**Further information can be obtained by contacting: VSBA MBP Director: Frank S. Walker
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