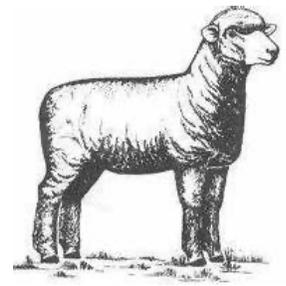# The 2026 ACA Corriedale Futurity Program

Purpose:
To promote growth and visibility of the Corriedale breed and to promote youth involvement and education with the breed.

Starter flock composition:
The winner will be awarded: -two ewe lambs, either spring or fall born

Who is eligible?
Any youth aged 8 to 18 as of January 1, 2026, who does not have an immediate family member who raises Corriedale sheep. "Immediate Family" means parents, grandparents, or siblings, biological or through marriage.

Policy and Procedure:

1. Application and all supporting materials must be submitted to the secretary by **April 1st, 2026**. The application is attached to the end of these rules.

A. An essay must be completed and included with the application. The essay should detail the interest in the Corriedale breed, any other sheep and/or livestock experience, facilities available for raising the sheep, and intentions for the awarded sheep.

B. A signed letter from parent(s) or guardian(s) stating their approval of the application and all the responsibilities (feed, finances, time, etc.) that go along with the possible receipt of the sheep.

C. A signed letter of recommendation from a 4-H/FFA leader, or from a current ACA member.

2. The winning applicant will be notified in writing by April 15th, 2026 and will be awarded the starter flock at the 2026 National Corriedale Show and Sale, held June 12 & 13 in Sedalia, MO. Attendance at the National Show and Sale is mandatory. The recipient will be eligible and required to participate in the junior show classes and showmanship at the 2026 ACA sale Junior Show.

3. The recipient will be assigned a Mentor who will be located as close to their residence as possible. The Mentor will provide knowledge, advice, and support to the winner, and will also occasionally check on the welfare of the awarded animals. Help with breeding the ewes in the first year will be provided by the mentor or another breeder of the ACA in good standing with registered Corriedales. Any offspring kept for breeding stock must be registered with the ACA.

4. Basic necessities (feed, water, shelter, etc.) to grow and maintain the sheep in good health must always be provided. Failure to maintain the health and welfare of the animals (as determined by the mentor) will result in immediate surrender of the animals to the ACA at the cost of the recipient.

5. The recipient will be required to exhibit at least one of the award animals at a local, county, state, or national show by the end of the 2026 calendar year. A brief letter, including a picture(s) detailing the show must be submitted to Laurie Majchrzak at americancorriedaleassn@gmail.com

American Corriedale Association
2026 Starter Flock Program Application

Name:_____Age:_____

Address:_____

City / State / Zip:_____

Telephone:_____Email:_____

Parent / Guardian Name(s):_____

Does your family currently raise livestock? _____If yes, what species/breed? _____

If chosen, will you be able to attend the 2026 ACA National Junior Show and Sale, held June 12 and 13, 2026?

Obtain all signatures required below, and **attach the following to this application**:

1. An essay written by the applicant which details your interest in the Corriedale breed, any other sheep or livestock experience you or your family may have, the facilities you have available for raising the sheep, and your intentions for the sheep.

2. A signed letter from your parent(s) or guardian(s) stating their approval of your application and all the responsibilities (feed, finances, time, etc.) that go along with possible receipt of this award.

3. A signed letter of recommendation from a 4-H/FFA leader, or from a current ACA member.

Mail or email this completed application by April 1st, 2026 to:

Laurie Majchrzak
3745 Bradley Road
Federalsburg, MD 19973
603-209-2234

By signing below, we affirm that we have read all policies and procedures and agree to abide by them if chosen to be the recipient of the ACA Starter Flock Program:

_____   _____
Applicant Signature   Parents Signature

_____   _____
Date   Date