

APPLICATION FOR SEMBA'S BEEKEEPING COURSE FOR BEGINNERS

A syllabus for this Course, with requirements, is available at <http://www.sembabees.org/pdfs/BeeClassSyllabus.pdf>. By submitting this Application applicant acknowledges and agrees that applicant has read, understood and agrees to all of the requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Sutherland, (734) 668-8568, rsuther@hotmail.com.

Name of applicant: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail Address:** _____

Circle One: Will provide hive OR Will NOT provide hive

Tuition (all in U.S. funds) for entire course, other than SEMBA's Annual Beekeepers' Conference:

\$120 per student, payable in advance, if you provide your own new hive and new bees (however, family members may share their hive with each other); **OR**

\$170 per student, payable in advance, if you do **not** supplying new hive and bees.

Tuition includes a paperback copy of the text entitled "First Lessons in Beekeeping" by Keith S. Delaplane, an electronic copy of *Starting and Keeping Bees in Michigan*, and a one-year SEMBA membership (either first year or renewal), but does **not** include any bees, equipment, supplies, etc. [Tuition also does **not** include the following items required for the course: New hive wood ware, new package of bees with new queen (both from an approved source), protective clothing, hive tool, and smoker.]

Method of Payment: Cash ___ or Check (made payable to "SEMBA")

If applying by mail, return application with payment by check (please do not mail any cash) to:

SEMBA

ATTN MARY SUTHERLAND TREASURER

5488 WARREN RD

ANN ARBOR MI 48105

Upon receipt of this application and payment, you will be sent an e-mail acknowledgement and additional information, if any.

Additional requirements:

The first session of the course is at SEMBA's all-day Annual Beekeepers' Conference, to be held at the Vis Ta Tech Center of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, MI, on **Saturday, March 17, 2012**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Students are required to attend the three breakout sessions on that day entitled "Introduction to SEMBA Beekeeping Course", "Overview of Getting Started in Beekeeping" and "Basic Beekeeping Equipment Requirements". The written textbook for the course may be distributed at the SEMBA's all-day Annual Beekeepers' Conference. Please note the class size is limited and preference is granted to SEMBA members.

All other sessions are to be held at Tollgate Educational Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, MI 48377-3128. Furthermore, all other sessions are to be held 1:00 p.m., Sundays, except as noted on the Syllabus, which currently call for one evening session in April to install your new bee packages in your new hives and one Saturday morning session in September to remove your hive from Tollgate. (Dates to be provided by instructors.) Students who place a hive, or anything else, on or at Tollgate must timely remove same from Tollgate; anything not timely removed will be auctioned at or after the last session with all of the proceeds going towards costs, expenses and M.S.U.

All students must bring clean and uncontaminated protective clothing, (i.e., bee suit with attaching veil and helmet or hood, bee gloves, and work boots or shoes with protective ankle wraps), hive tool, smoker, new woodware equipment and new package of bees with a new queen (both from an approved source).

To help reduce the risk of introducing pests, students electing to temporarily have a hive at Tollgate will need to provide all new hive equipment and a new package of bees with a new queen (both from an approved source). New hive equipment includes all new woodware that includes at least one new outer cover, one new inner cover, at least six (6) new hive bodies, at least sixty (60) new frames with new foundation (added just prior to use), one new bottom board, one new entrance reducer, and one new hive support. Anyone re-installing a queen and/or any other bee(s) must also acquire them from an approved source. One such source may include the Advance Beekeeping Course at Tollgate; if available, a queen within a cage (which cage is to be promptly returned) and a drawn out frame of brood may be purchased for \$30 (plus one new, unused replacement frame and foundation). Please note that this alternative source not your only approved source and is only being offered as a possible convenience.

All participants must properly maintain all items left at Tollgate and conduct themselves in a friendly and helpful manner, following all rules.