

**APPLICATION FOR SEMBA'S BEEKEEPING COURSE FOR BEGINNERS**

A syllabus for this Course, with requirements, is available at <http://www.sembabees.org/pdfs/BeginnerBeeClassSyllabus2017.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 Clay Ottoni, at (248) 454-9800 or [ceottoni@gmail.com](mailto:ceottoni@gmail.com).

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One:      Will provide hive                      OR              Will NOT provide hive

**TUITION** for the entire course (which doesn't include SEMBA's Annual Beekeepers' Conference) **IS EITHER:**

**\$150** per student, payable in advance, if you provide your own new hive & new bees. Family members may share their hive [SEMBA plans on ordering 40 (1 for each student taking the class) three pound packages of bees with a queen in each for installation at Tollgate each student's estimate cost for same is about an additional \$110-\$120]; **OR**

**\$200** per student, payable in advance, if you don't provide your own new hive (or share one with a family member who is also a student in the class) and new bees. **SEMBA WILL NOT PROVIDE A NEW HIVE OR NEW BEES.** Instead, the student may observe, from a distance, hives of students who did provide a hive for their own use.

**Tuition** for the entire course includes a paperback copy of the text entitled "*Beekeeping 101 – Handbook and guide for beginning beekeepers*" by Dana T. Stahlman and an electronic copy of *Starting and Keeping Bees in Michigan*, but **does NOT include any bees, equipment, supplies, etc.** [Tuition also does **NOT include items required for the course such as: new hive wood ware, new package of bees with new queen (sourced through SEMBA), 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 CLAY OTTONI PRESIDENT**

**P O BOX 300611**

**WATERFORD MI 48330-0611**

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

**Additional requirements:**

Complete, and submit, the above Application for SEMBA's Beekeeping Course for Beginners and pay tuition. Registration will continue until course is filled. Please note the course size is limited and preference for admission is granted to SEMBA members.

Attend all of the Sessions. Attendance at each session is important, since it is difficult to duplicate hive conditions for non-attendees and classes often build upon prior classes. Reading text is also a must.

Students will participate in hands-on training. Accordingly, **ALL STUDENTS MUST BRING CLEAN AND UNCONTAMINATED:**

Protective clothing:

    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 (sourced through SEMBA). 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, sufficient frames with new foundation (added just prior to use) for all of your hive bodies, one new bottom board, one new entrance reducer, and one new hive support. **See above Course syllabus for equipment recommendations.**

Anyone re-installing a queen and/or any other bee(s) must acquire each from an approved source and they must be inspected prior to placing at Tollgate.

All participants must properly maintain all items left at Tollgate and conduct themselves in a friendly and helpful manner, following all rules and must timely removing all items from Tollgate on or before 9:00 p.m., August 13, 2017, when there will be an auction of all remaining items, if any.