



Job Announcement: Education Director (Contract Position – 2026)

The **Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office (KSGDO)** is seeking a motivated and experienced professional to serve as **Education Director** on a **contract basis through December 31, 2026**.

Position Title: Education Director

Contract Type: Independent Contractor

Contract Term: Through December 31, 2026

Location: Statewide (Kentucky) with travel required

Organization: Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office

Website: www.kysheepandgoat.org

Position Overview

The Education Director will be responsible for developing, coordinating, promoting, and maintaining educational programs related to sheep and goat production across Kentucky. This role requires collaboration with producers, Extension agents, industry organizations, and volunteers.

Key Responsibilities

- Manage and process enrollments for online courses including:
 - Small Ruminant Profit School
 - Small Ruminant Quality Assurance
 - Master Small Ruminant Courses
 - KY Wool School
- Work with media consultant to market and advertise educational programs.
- Update and maintain course curriculum, lectures, downloads, and support materials.
- Provide technical assistance to online course participants.
- Enhance online group networking and support chat features.
- Collaborate with Cooperative Extension Agents and volunteers statewide to assess needs and deliver programming.
- Assist with coordination of speakers, instructors, supplies, materials, and program evaluation.
- Work with the Kentucky Sheep and Goat Council to conduct education programs such as:
 - Small Ruminant Boot Camps
 - Professional Development Training for Extension Agents
- Collaborate with the Kentucky Goat Producers Association and Kentucky Sheep and Wool Producers Association on:
 - Field days
 - Tours
 - Workshops and clinics
- Attend regional and county small ruminant meetings.

- Assist with the Kentucky Sheep and Fiber Festival.
- Develop new educational programs as approved by the KSGDO Board.

Qualifications

- Ability to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Strong communication skills with diverse audiences including producers, industry leaders, agencies, and the public.
- Experience in marketing products or services.
- Strong administrative and basic computer skills.
- Hands-on experience with sheep and goats or equivalent livestock knowledge.
- Some post-secondary education preferred.
- Outgoing, enthusiastic, and flexible personality.
- Availability to work nights and weekends as needed.

Compensation

- **\$14,000.04 per year**, paid in 12 equal monthly installments (\$1,166.67/month).
- Mileage reimbursed at the current federal rate.
- Approved project-related expenses reimbursed monthly.

Contract Terms

- This position is an **independent contractor** role.
- No employee benefits are provided.
- Contractor may work with other clients.
- Either party may terminate the contract with 30 days written notice.
- Contract will be renewed on an annual basis pending board approval.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit a resume and brief statement of interest to Kelley Yates, kyates@kysheepandgoat.org.