



The American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

Devoted to the Interest of Rabbit Raising for Commercial and Fancy

YOUTH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

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A.R.B.A. 2007 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding achievement and leadership by A.R.B.A. youth members in the rabbit and/or cavy industry, as measured by activities and leadership in organizations and associations, performance at the show table, achievements in breeding and raising animals and the vision and goals set for themselves and their project.

RULES

1. Any ARBA youth member is eligible to compete. Attendance at the National Convention is not necessary
2. Application must be made using the form provided by the ARBA youth department. This form is available from your ARBA District Director, the ARBA office, the ARBA Youth Website, and the ARBA Youth Committee.
3. Applications will be judged by ARBA District and age division. The age divisions will be as follows: 11 years of age and under, 12-14 years of age, 15-18 years of age. Age is determined by the contestant's age on the closing day of the national convention for that year.
4. National winners will be selected in each age division.
5. Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
6. Up to five pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. There will be 30 points deducted for not following this rule. Include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
7. Include your name and ARBA membership number at the top of each page of information submitted. There will be 10 points deducted for not following this rule.
8. Winners will be announced at the Youth Banquet at the National Convention. Contestants need not be present to win.
9. Send your original **Achievement Application Direction Form** and THREE copies of your answers! There will be 20 points deducted for not following this rule.

Applications must be received by September 1, 2007. Forms received after the deadline will have 20 points deducted. Forms received after September 10, 2007 will be returned.

Send applications to: Gary Michaud, Box 367, Mt. Hope, KS 67108-0367.

Scoring Rubric:	Achievement	60 points
	Leadership	50 points
	Goals and Plans for the Future	40 points
	Clarity and Thoroughness of Answers	30 points
	Neatness and Appearance of Application	<u>20 points</u>
	Total possible score	200 points

A.R.B.A. 2007 ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATION DIRECTION FORM

ARBA Membership #: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age on October 18, 2007: _____

CHECK ONE DIVISION: Age 11 and under Age 12-14 Age 15-18

NAME _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

ARBA District _____ Phone # _____ E-Mail Address _____

I have read the accompanying rules for this contest and agree to abide by them.

Applicant's SIGNATURE _____

The following information must be typed, printed or written on your OWN paper (8.5 in. x 11 in.). Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. Whenever possible questions should be answered in age appropriate narratives. No more than five (5) pages in addition to this page, are allowed. Use 10-12 point reader friendly fonts if using a word processor. Include your name and ARBA membership number at the top of each page.

- #1-When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
- #2-Tell about the most important award(s) you have won for yourself with your ARBA animal project.
- #3-Tell about the most important award(s) you have won with your animals.
- #4-Tell about any award(s) you have won as a member of a group in this animal project.
- #5-Which rabbit or cavy organizations are you a member of (use full names).
- #6-List any office or committee positions that you have held in a rabbit or cavy organization.
- #7-Explain what you do to make others aware of rabbits or cavies.
- #8-Describe any rabbit or cavy activities that you participated in and/or developed.
- #9-List the things you have done to encourage others to join rabbit or cavy organizations.
- #10-Explain how you have helped others learn new skills and increased their knowledge of this hobby.
- #11-What goals have you set for yourself with regards to your rabbit or cavy project?
- #12-Which of the above goals have you achieved to this point in your project?
- #13-Explain how the achievement of these goals will help you in the future?
- #14-What would you like us to know about you that has not been asked?

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