



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 ROYALTY CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among A.R.B.A. youth members in attendance at the National Convention and Show. To allow these members to demonstrate a working knowledge of the rabbit and cavy industry. To explore critical thinking skills, demonstrate personal initiative and provide problem-solving, decision-making and goal-setting activities for these youth members.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must be a current member of the A.R.B.A. at the time of entry and participation. The age requirements and divisions are as follows: (*age is the youth's age on the closing day of the A.R.B.A. National Convention*)

<i>Years of age:</i>	<u>15-18</u>	<u>12-14</u>	<u>9-11</u>	<u>Under 9</u>
<i>Boys:</i>	King	Duke	Prince	Lord
<i>Girls:</i>	Queen	Duchess	Princess	Lady

Applicants **must** be in attendance at the A.R.B.A. National Convention and Show, Oct. 14-18, 2007 in Grand Rapids, MI.

RULES

1. Applicants agree to be available and complete all events scheduled. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
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. While at the National Convention and Show, contestants are the responsibility of their parents or chaperon. The chaperon must be of legal age.
4. Up to five pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. Each question must be copied before your answer. Include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation. There will be 30 points deducted for not following this rule.
5. 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.
6. The sum of the scores from the application, written test, interview, identification, and judging contests will determine the winners. (Lord and Lady exclude judging.) All 5 areas will have equal weight for scoring point totals.
7. Winners will be announced at the ARBA Youth Banquet at the National Convention. Plan on attending!
8. Send your original **Royalty Written Application Direction Form**, a single copy of your answer to Question #15 and THREE copies of your answers to questions #0 through #14! There will be 20 points deducted for not following this rule.

9. Enclose a portrait photo of yourself with this application! This photo will also be used in *Domestic Rabbits* and in the *ARBA Yearbook* if you are a Royalty winner. On the back of the photo write your Royalty age group, name, city, and state. Send photos sized no larger than 3 x 3 inches. This photo is part of your application. Failure to include a proper photo will result in a 20 point deduction.

Application and photo become the property of the ARBA Youth Committee and may not be returned.

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

Application Scoring Rubric:	Size and Scope of Project	30 points
	Purpose, Goals and Plans for Future	30 points
	Management	30 points
	Achievement	30 points
	Leadership	30 points
	Clarity, Neatness, and Thoroughness	30 points
	Question #15	<u>20 points</u>
	Total possible score	200 points

CONVENTION DATES & PROCEDURES

- **Oct. 13:** Royalty contestants are to be checked in at the ARBA Youth booth by 10 p.m.
- **Oct. 14:** Each contestant in the King, Queen, Duke, Duchess, Prince, and Princess division will judge 4 classes of 4 animals per class. This is a timed event of 7 minutes per class. Placements will be made on special forms provided. The use of the *ARBA STANDARD OF PERFECTION* at the judging table is encouraged. If used, judging aids or placing markers should be of a very minimal size.
- **Oct. 14:** Each Royalty contestant will compete in a breed identification contest. Contestant will be required to identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavy, listing the complete breed name as printed in the *ARBA STANDARD OF PERFECTION*. They will also identify the showroom variety, whether a 4 class or 6 class breed, and the registration variety of each of the 25 animals. No abbreviations are accepted.
- **Oct. 15:** All contestants will take a written test at the convention. The questions for this test will be taken from the *ARBA Official Guidebook*, the *ARBA Yearbook*, the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*, the *ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide*, issues of *Domestic Rabbits* from Jan/Feb, 2006 to present, and the ARBA Web Site. Lord and Lady contestants will be provided help in reading their test. Test answers will be recorded on scan "bubble sheets". Utmost care will be needed to assure the correct recording of answers for accurate scoring.
- **Oct. 16:** All contestants may be interviewed at the convention. Contestants in the Lord and Lady contest will need a rabbit or cavy during their interview, an animal handling/judging score (not showmanship) will be made at this time. Contestants for interviews should be in proper showroom attire with a show coat or, at minimum, a long sleeve white shirt.
- **Oct. 17:** Attend the ARBA Youth Awards Banquet.

A complete application will include:

1. A completed **Royalty Written Application Direction Form**, including your signature and your parent/guardian's signature.
2. Three (3) copies of your answers to the form's questions #0 through #14.
3. One copy of your answer to question #15. This will be printed in *Domestic Rabbits* if you are a winner. Everyone will read it so make it a good reflection of what you wish to say.
4. One photograph of yourself with your Royalty age division, name, residence city and state printed on the back. The photograph will be published in *Domestic Rabbits* and the *ARBA Yearbook* if you are a winner.

The A.R.B.A. considers the entrants and participants in this Royalty Contest to be our "Best & Brightest" for the continued strength and growth of our organization.

A.R.B.A. 2007 ROYALTY WRITTEN APPLICATION DIRECTION FORM

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

CHECK ONE KING _____ QUEEN _____ DUKE _____ DUCHESS _____

DIVISION: PRINCE _____ PRINCESS _____ LORD _____ LADY _____

NAME _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

ARBA District _____ Phone # _____ E-Mail Address _____

The ARBA Board of Directors wishes to know if you would consider becoming a judge or registrar? Yes No

T-SHIRT SIZE - Check one: **CHILD:** Small Medium **ADULT:** Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large 3X-Large

Chaperon while at the convention _____

Can Chaperon Help With Contests At Convention? Yes No Chaperon's Phone@Convention: _____

Applicant's SIGNATURE _____

Parent/Guardian'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. Questions should be answered in age appropriate narratives. No more than five (5) pages, excluding question #15 and 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.

- #0-When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
- #1-How and when did you get started in your project? Include names of those who have helped you the most.
- #2-Name the breed(s) you raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
- #3-List your memberships in rabbit &/or cavy related organizations. Include the name of each club (no abbreviations) and the number of years you have been a member.
- #4-What offices or committees have you served on in local, state, or national rabbit or cavy clubs?
- #5-What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
- #6-How have you been a leader in your project?
- #7-Describe the housing & equipment for your animals, be very specific.
- #8-What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?
- #9-Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
- #10-List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned.
- #11-List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project.
- #12-What are your goals for this project?
- #13-How do you feel your project will help you in your future endeavors?
- #14-What would you like us to know that has not been asked?
- **#15-If you win this award, a short description of your achievements will be printed in *Domestic Rabbits*. Write what you would like to be printed in 300 to 600 words.**

Print #15 on separate paper, it does not count towards your 5 page maximum. Include your name and ARBA number at the top of this page.

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