



AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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ARBA 2020 NATIONAL CONTESTS ENTRY FORM

Mail Entry Deadline August 20, 2020

ARBA # _____ ARBA District _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Age on 10/28/20 _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Emergency Contact #1

Name _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact #2

Name _____ Phone _____

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Achievement Contest Management Contest

◇ Based on Contestant Age

◇ Limited Rabbitry

◇ Average Rabbitry

◇ Unlimited Rabbitry

◇ Cavity

PUBLICITY RELEASE - I authorize the ARBA or their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice (or that of my child, if under 18) for use in ARBA educational and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video and image recordings are the property of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

◇ Yes

◇ No

Youth MUST have parental permission to participate in these contests. Further, by signing this form below, both parents and participants are confirming that you agree to the following statement:

I(we) understand participants will be minimally supervised and that contest participants may be handling live animals. If serious illness or injury develops attempts will be made to contact the listed emergency contacts. I(we) have read and understand the ARBA Youth Department Code of Conduct and Publicity Release. I(we) hereby release American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., and their agents, officers and employees, from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind, including claims of negligence, which may arise from participation in any ARBA Youth Department sponsored activity and contest.

Contestant Signature _____ Parent Signature _____



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ARBA APPLICATION TIPS

PURPOSE

Many of the National Youth Contests of the American Rabbit Breeders Association are application based. This information is presented in order for applicants to take best advantage of the application platform to express themselves and their project. This is not an all-inclusive list of tips, nor is it intended to be a list of requirements, though some of these tips are designed to help applicants understand the specific requirements necessary to create a fair and manageable contest.

BASIC FORMATTING CONVENTIONS

These tips are to help you navigate the requirements of proper formatting. These contests have both a word limit and a page limit. Readability is very important!

- 1 Font faces: The two most popular (and readable) fonts are *Times New Roman* and *Arial*. Using one of these will help make the application more readable.
- 2 Font size: Business standards, as well as these contests, use 10-point or 12-point type.
- 3 Page Margins: Margins should be between ½inch and 1½inches, with the most common size being 1 inch.
- 4 Style: The indiscriminate use and overuse of font styles (**bold**, *italic*, underline, etc.) serves to diminish your writing. Some use can be helpful, but be careful only to use it when necessary.
- 5 Questions: Make sure you copy the question above your answer. It reminds the scorers of what you have been asked.

OTHER TIPS FOR A GOOD APPLICATION

- 6 If you are submitting your applications by mail, do not send your applications in report covers or on paper that will not scan well. All applications are scored online, even those submitted by postal mail.
- 7 Make sure you answer the question asked! You can talk about other things as well, but the most common error is not answering the questions asked.
- 8 Pay attention to deadlines. Late applications will sabotage your effort.
- 9 Be clear and concise. Answer the question fully, but do not rely on an unnecessary volume of words to make the point that you want to make just to fill up space for an answer to one of the questions you have been asked, like this tip is doing! Don't use two lines if only one is needed.
- 10 Using good grammar and spelling tells the judge you are serious and careful. Ask a teacher or other adult to help you proofread your application.
- 11 Pictures tell a lot about you and your project. Select them carefully and size them appropriately to tell the story. Include captions so the judges know what they are looking at and why. However, not all answers will lend themselves to being helped by a picture. Concise use of pictures can be just as important as concise use of language.
- 12 Occasionally, the order of questions will change from year to year. Make sure you use the current year's questions. It is always helpful to start with your application from last year, but make sure you properly edit for the current year.
- 13 Put your name and contest on EVERY PAGE of your application.
- 14 Honesty is, as always, the best policy. Be mindful of the fact that scorers, while remaining anonymous, may be able to verify the claims made in your application. You do not want to get caught embellishing your activities or accomplishments.



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ARBA 2020 NATIONAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding achievement and leadership by ARBA 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. Membership must be valid on September 1st. Attendance at the ARBA National Convention is not necessary.
- 2 Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- 3 Up to seven pages and less than 4500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
- 4 Include your name and ARBA membership number at the top of each page of information submitted.
- 5 If entering online, you may upload you application. If entering by mail, you must send your Contest Entry Form and **ONE** copy of your answers!

CATEGORIES

Applications will be judged by ARBA District and contestant age (division). Divisions are: Junior (Ages 5 to 11 years), Intermediate (Ages 12 to 14 years), and Senior (Ages 15 -18 years). Age is determined by the contestant's age on the last day of the National Convention. Winners will be announced at the Youth Banquet at the ARBA National Convention. Contestants need not be present to win.

SCORING CRITERIA

Applications will be judged on the following criteria: Achievement (60 points); Leadership (50 points); Goals & Plans for the Future (40 points); Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers (30 points); Neatness & Appearance of Application (20 points). Applications that do not follow the rules listed above will be assessed a penalty of 10 points per infraction, with the exception of late applications which will be assessed a penalty of 20 points for up to one week late and disqualification for later than one week.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entry must be made **online** or on 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. **NO EMAIL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.** All online entries, including the uploading of completed forms must be completed by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 1, 2020. Mailed entries must be postmarked by August 20, 2020 and should be mailed to the ARBA Youth Chairperson.

- **FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THE ARBA CONTEST APPLICATIONS, PLEASE SEE THE SUPPLEMENT "APPLICATION TIPS", AVAILABLE ON THE ARBA WEBSITE AND THE ARBA ENTRY FORMS PACKET.**

ARBA NATIONAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST APPLICATION

QUESTIONS

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

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ARBA 2020 NATIONAL YOUTH MANAGEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence of management style by ARBA youth members in the areas of housing & equipment, feeding & animal care, disease control, record keeping, breeding & genetics for the care and production of rabbits and/or cavies.

RULES

- 1 Any ARBA youth member is eligible to compete. Membership must be valid on September 1st. Attendance at the ARBA National Convention is not necessary.
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- 4 Include your name and ARBA membership number at the top of each page of information submitted.
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CATEGORIES

Applications will be judged by ARBA District and on the number of cages/adult animals (division) that a youth member has for housing their animals. Divisions are: Limited Rabbitry (1-20 Holes), Average Rabbitry (21-50 Holes), Unlimited Rabbitry (51+ Holes), and Cavity (all sizes). **Members can enter only ONE division.** National winners will be selected in each division. Winners will be announced at the Youth Banquet at the ARBA National Convention. Contestants need not be present to win.

SCORING CRITERIA

Applications will be judged on the following criteria: Cages, Housing & Equipment (50 points); Breeding & Production (50 points); Care, Health & Herd Management (30 points); Record Keeping (20 points); Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers (30 points); Neatness & Appearance of Application (20 points). Applications that do not follow the rules listed above will be assessed a penalty of 10 points per infraction, with the exception of late applications which will be assessed a penalty of 20 points for up to one week late and disqualification for later than one week.

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QUESTIONS

- 1 When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
- 2 Name the breed(s) you raise, how many animals you have in each breed and why you raise these breed(s). Also include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
- 3 Describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house, etc.?
- 4 How do you protect your animals from heat, cold or drafts?
- 5 Describe your cages/coops, list the number, size, materials they are made of and how they are constructed.
- 6 Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals.
- 7 What type(s) of feed(s) do you give your animals? Do you give your animals feed supplements? If so, why?
- 8 How do you dispose of the manure and waste your animals generate?
- 9 Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
- 10 Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals. Include ages, time of year, system for keeping track of bred animals and provisions for kindling.
- 11 Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning.
- 12 How many litters with how many total animals did you have born since January 1, 2019? How many young did you wean?
- 13 Do you track the quality of your offspring to the breeding animals? Explain.
- 14 Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?
- 15 How many replacement animals have you added since January 1, 2019? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
- 16 Describe any diseases that have affected your production and explain what you did to control them.
- 17 Explain your system for keeping records and what information is kept on each animal.
- 18 Did your ARBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.

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ARBA 2020 NATIONAL YOUTH EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS

ARBA 2020 NATIONAL TEAM JUDGING CONTEST

ARBA 2020 NATIONAL TEAM QUIZ BOWL CONTEST

ARBA 2020 NATIONAL TEAM BREED IDENTIFICATION CONTEST

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