



AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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ARBA 2026 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. You must be a member by August 1, 2026. Attendance at the ARBA National Convention is not necessary.
- 2 All answers must be the words of the contestant. Parental help is acceptable in terms of proofreading and formatting **ONLY**.
- 3 The two most popular (and readable) fonts are Times New Roman and Arial, using 10 or 12 point type.
- 4 Up to six (6) pages printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant. DO NOT put your name, ARBA number or any headings on your application. Do not use cover sheets.
- 5 If entering online, you must upload your application in PDF format. If entering by mail, you must include 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: Involvement (30 points); Leadership (50 points); Achievement (60 points); Goals (40 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. on September 1, 2026 EST. Mailed entries if not using the online portal must be postmarked by August 15, 2026 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

PLEASE WRITE/TYPE QUESTIONS PRECEDING YOUR ANSWERS

- 1 When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged? Explain any lapses in membership.
- 2 List the rabbit or cavy organizations that you are currently a member of (use full names), and any office or committee positions that you hold within those organizations.
- 3 List any rabbit or cavy activities that you have participated in since January 1, 2024.
- 4 How are you involved in rabbit or cavy organizations that you are not a member of?
- 5 Give 2-3 examples where you've personally helped another exhibitor at a show or rabbit/cavy event. Describe the circumstance and what you learned in the process.
- 6 Describe any rabbit or cavy activities, educational displays and/or presentations that you have developed to make others aware of your project(s).
- 7 Explain how you have helped others learn new skills and increased their knowledge of this hobby.
- 8 Make a table or a list of any awards you have won individually or as a member of a group since January 1, 2024. (1st place Breed ID, Washington Co., Missouri Rabbit Prince, etc.) Choose 2 or 3 of the most important award(s) you have won individually or as a member of a group within your project. Explain why those awards are important to you.
- 9 Make a table or a list of your animal wins since January 1, 2024. Choose 2 or 3 of the most important award(s) you have won with your animals. Explain why those awards are important to you.
- 10 What goals have you set for yourself with regards to your rabbit or cavy project?
- 11 What goals have you achieved to this point in your project?
- 12 What goals are you struggling to achieve and why? Do you plan to change anything within your project to achieve those goals?

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