

## **2019 Youth – Royalty Contest**

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### **ATTENTION ALL YOUTH !!**

Changes have been made at the discretion of the Youth Chairman in the attempt to make these contests more consistent with, and in order to better prepare the youth of New York State for the ARBA Royalty Competitions held at Convention every year.

#### **NEW THIS YEAR:**

1. All youth participating in the Royalty Contest **MUST** send in their application to the Youth Chairman no later than September 7, 2019 by 11:59 pm in order to participate in the contest.
2. If a youth chooses to participate in the Royalty contest they must complete the following competitions: Breed ID, Judging / Showmanship (depending on age category), Written Test and Interview. If a participant fails to complete ALL categories or to filling out the application prior to the dead line, they will not be able to compete for Royalty titles but can compete as an individual.
- 3 There will be a Management Contest available for any youth who is interested in participating in it. The rules on how this contest works is depicted on the application form.
- 4 The contest will be run **Friday night** through **Saturday mid-afternoon**. All youth who are participating must be checked in and ready to compete by 7 pm Friday night. If participants have a time constraint to meet this check in time they should contact the Youth Chairman immediately to discuss.
- 5 This year during the competition there will be new rules and regulations that will be explained in a brief meeting at Grand Finals before the competitions start on Friday night, which all youth are required to attend.

**\*\*\*\* Volunteers to help run the Royalty contest at the NY State Convention are desperately needed to insure the contest runs successfully as well as on time. If interested in volunteering, please contact Kaitlyn Smith. Your time would be very much appreciated! [dreamweaverrabbitry@gmail.com](mailto:dreamweaverrabbitry@gmail.com)**

**New York State Rabbit & Cavy Association  
Royalty Contest Application**

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**Purpose for Participation**

The Royalty Contest as well as Individual Education knowledge contests are meant to not only be a platform in which youth can display their skills and knowledge on the hobby but also meant to challenge the youth who participate to strive for their own personal goal of excellence. It is an opportunity for the youth to test their knowledge and expand upon it. The youth who participate in these contests are the pride of the New York State Association as well as ARBA. The youth who choose to participate in these contests in addition to the contests themselves are held with great respect and honor.

**RULES**

- 1.) Any NYSRCA youth member is eligible to compete, however, attendance at the Grand Finals is required.
- 2.) Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- 3.) Up to five pages and less than 4500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
- 4.) Include your name 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.
- 6.) Entry deadline for application is September 7th 11:59pm. Entrees may be mailed to the NYRCBA Youth Chairman or uploaded as a PDF file and emailed as an attachment to the Youth Chairman. Any additional questions about the contests should be brought to the attention of the Youth Chairman.

**New York State Rabbit & Cavy Association  
Royalty Contest Application**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the category you are participating in:

Boys

Girls

King (Ages 15-18)

Queen (Ages 15-18)

Duke (Ages 12-14)

Duchess (Ages 12-14)

Prince (Ages 9-11)

Princess (Ages 9-11)

Lord Ages (5-8)

Lady (Ages 5-8)

## **New York State Rabbit & Cavy Association Royalty Contest Application**

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Please answer the following questions as thoroughly as possible and to the best of your ability.

1. How many consecutive years have you been a NYSRCBA Member?
2. How and when did you get started in your rabbit/cavy project?
3. Who were the individuals who helped you the most throughout your project to date?
4. List all rabbit/cavy related organization you are a part of as well as how many years you have been a part of the organization.
5. What offices or committees have you served on in the State or Local rabbit/cavy club(s)?
6. Name the breed(s) you raise and how many animals you have in each breed.
7. If you have raised other breeds in the past please list them as well as the reasons you no longer raise them.
8. What have you done to promote your breed(s) as well as make others aware of your project?
9. How do you keep your records?
10. Describe the kinds of records you keep.
11. What are your goals for this project?
12. Describe the housing your animals are kept in.
13. Describe the everyday care you do for your animals, including feeding practices.
14. List all outstanding awards you and/or your animals have earned in the duration of your project.
15. How do you think your project will help you in the future?
16. Is there anything else you would like us to know that we have not already asked? Please describe any additional information you would like to share.

All areas of this contest will be evaluated and scored to be consistent with the methods used by ARBA to score Youth Royalty Contests: "Final Scores for the Royalty Contests will be the sum of the scores for each of the five components of the contest. The components are: Application (200 points), Written Examination (200 points), Oral Interview (200 points), Breed Identification (200 points), and the age-appropriate Individual Contest(200 points)." Late Applications will be accepted up until one week late but will receive a 10-point penalty for every day late.

# **New York State Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association**

## **Education Contest Information**

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### **Purpose for Participation**

To acknowledge excellence among ARBA youth membership who create exhibits that show some aspect of the rabbit or cavy industry.

### **Rules**

- 1 Any NYRCBA youth member is eligible to compete.
- 2 Exhibits are to be either informational or promotional of either rabbits or cavies or include a rabbit or cavy as part of their main design.
- 3 Attendance at Grand Finals is not necessary. However, arrangements for transportation are the responsibility of the youth.
- 4 Each entry must be the work of the contestant and must have been completed in the 12 months prior to the NYSRCBA Grand Finals show. Whenever possible, label exhibits on the back and or bottom with the exhibitor's name, town, and age.
- 5 Deadline for all Education Contest items is September 14<sup>th</sup> 11:59 pm. Exhibitors only need to fill out and email or mail in the entry form below. (The purpose of the deadline is so proper accommodations for display area and judging can be made, if space allows entries after deadline may be accepted)
- 6 The contest will be broken up in three categories; Jr Ages 5-9 years, Intermediate Ages 10 – 13 yrs., and Sr Ages 14 – 18 years. Ages are as of the Friday of Grand Finals.

**New York State Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association  
Education Contest Information  
Entry Form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of the Friday of Grand Finals: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle the category you will be competing in:

Jr. 5-9 Years      Intermediate 10-13 years

Sr. 14-18 years

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

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Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_

**New York State Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association**  
**Education Contest Information**  
**Classes:**

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1. Art Division

*Framing, with or without glass, and or an easel to display is optional.*

- A. Drawing
- B. Painting
- C. Sculpture or Carving

2. Crafts Division

*Display to best suit the item clearly and easily visible. Small items may be fastened to a display board or in a display box for protection.*

- A. Ceramics or Pottery
- B. Handmade Jewelry
- C. Clothing (Made by Exhibitor)
- D. Needlework
- E. Puppet or Stuffed Animal
- F. Stenciled Item
- G. Wearable Art
- H. Any Other Craft

3. Creative Writing Division

*Exhibit in a protective report cover or clear plastic sleeve for protection. Exhibited at convention.*

- A. Poem
- B. Short Story

4. Educational Division

*A. Display - Mounted on a self supporting display board with items arranged for viewing in front. The display board should provide information regarding the item (s) on display.*

- B. Game
- C. Poster - Overall Size should be 22"x28" mounted on a stiff backing.

5. Photography Division

*Photos no smaller than 4"x6" or Larger than 11" x 14", printed horizontally or vertically, mounted for display. Framing, with or without glass, and or an easel to display is optional.*

- A. Single Photo – Black & White
- B. Single Photo-Color
- C. Photo series - Three to six pictures mounted together to tell a story or convey an idea.

6. Woodworking and Metalworking Division

- A. Decorative
- B. Rabbit or Cavy Equipment

**New York Rabbit & Cavy Breeder's Association  
Management Contest**

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Purpose for Participating

The Management Contest is meant as an opportunity for youth who are passionate about our hobby to display their knowledge of housing & equipment, feeding & animal care, disease control, record keeping, as well as breeding and genetics.

**RULES**

- . 1.) Any NYRCBA youth member is eligible to compete. Attendance at Grand Finals is not necessary.
- . 2.) Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- . 3.) Up to seven pages and less than 5500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
- . 4.) Include your name at the top of each page of information submitted.
- . 5.) If entering online, you may upload your application. If entering by mail, you must send your Contest Entry Form and ONE copy of your answers!
- . 6.) Entry deadlines for application is September 7th<sup>t</sup> 11:59pm. Entrees may be mailed to the NYRCBA Youth Chairman or uploaded as a PDF file and emailed as an attachment to the Youth Chairman. Any additional questions about the contests should be brought to the attention of the Youth Chairman



**New York Rabbit & Cavy Breeder's Association  
Management Contest  
Entry Form:**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of the Friday of Grand Finals) \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the categories you will be participating in below:

Jr: 9-13 years

Sr. 14-18 years

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions honestly and to the best of your ability:

See next page.

**New York Rabbit & Cavy Breeder's Association  
Management Contest Entry Questions**

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- 1.) When did you join NYRCBA?
- 2.) Name the breed(s) you raise, how many animals you have in each breed and why you raise these breed(s)?
- 3.) What kind of shelter do you provide your rabbits?
- 4.) Describe in detail your cages as well as the number of cages you own.
- 5.) What material is your cages made from?
- 6.) How do you manage the temperature and ventilation in your shelter?
- 7.) What equipment do you use to feed and water your rabbits?
- 8.) What kind of feed do you give your rabbits? Include the amount, why you feed this Particular brand as well as any supplements you might add to their daily ration and why?
- 9.) Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
- 10.) Describe how you determine how and when you breed your rabbits.  
How do you keep track of your breeding records?
- 11.) Describe in detail how you care for a doe and litter. Also include when and how you wean the young.
- 12.) How many litters did you have born last year?
- 13.) How do you cull your rabbits? What do you do with your culls once they are chosen?
- 14.) How do you determine whether you need to purchase a new rabbit to introduce into your program? How often have you done this in the past year?
- 15.) In the time you have participated in the hobby, have you had any diseases that have affected your program? If so, how did you rectify the situation? Also, how would you try to prevent an outbreak of disease from occurring in your rabbitry?
- 16.) In detail describe the types of records you keep on your project.
- 17.) Has your rabbit project shown a profit or loss in the past year? If it has shown a loss how could you change your program to decrease your loss? If it has shown a profit, in your opinion what about your program has provided you with the profit?