

ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES

SECTION 9: Scholarship Fund/Roger's Kids Fund Committee.

The Chairperson shall be appointed per Article X, section 2 of these by-laws; and an additional four (4) members are to comprise the committee as chosen by the Chairperson from the Delegates/Alternate Delegates of this Association.

The Secretary/Treasurer of the Association shall give an accounting of each of these funds at each meeting of the Association.

Scholarship Fund:

- a) The Committee shall abide solely by the NYRCBA Inc. Scholarship Fund guidelines as hereto set forth and approved by the NYRCBA Delegates. All changes to these guidelines shall be submitted in writing to the delegates at a meeting of the Association and voted on before any changes shall take effect. A separate account shall be established named, "The Scholarship Fund," and shall be maintained by the Association Secretary/Treasurer.
- b) Youth Applicant(s) shall have been an active member of an NYRCBA All Breed Club for at least three (3) years prior to submitting an application and be verified by letter from such club to the Committee Chairperson. Applicants shall have actively shown rabbits/cavies in at least five (5) NYRCBA shows in the year of their application.
- c) Youth shall verify that they have volunteered and worked at NYRCBA sanctioned shows.
- d) The Youth Applicant shall be a graduating high school senior or equivalent in the year in which they apply.
- e) The scholarship shall be paid directly to the college/vocational school of the recipient through the use of their student ID number, upon proof of enrollment in the recipient's second semester/session. Proof must be provided to the Committee Chairperson that the recipient has successfully completed their first semester, and is now entering the second semester/session in an accredited two (2) or four (4) year college/university or vocational school.
- f) All applications shall be sent by US mail postmarked or electronic submission no later than September 1st of each year. No applications will be accepted beyond this date. The application with supporting documents must be submitted to the Committee Chairperson for review prior to meeting with the full Committee prior to October 1st for awarding of said scholarships to qualified applicants.
- g) Applications and requirements for consideration by the Committee will be made available on the NYRCBA website. Notice will be sent to Delegates as well as shared at the Annual Spring Meeting soliciting such Applicants for the scholarship.
- h) A maximum of two (2) scholarships shall be awarded each year, each being \$1,000.00 payable to the recipient's institution. All recipients of said scholarships shall be announced by the Committee Chairperson at the annual NYRCBA banquet. In the event there are no qualified applicants in a given year, no scholarship awards shall be given for that year.
- i) In the event that funds are less than the \$2,000.00 needed for a given year, the remaining balance in the scholarship fund shall be divided equally between the 2 awarded recipients.
- j) The Association through this Committee shall encourage all its clubs in an ongoing fundraising campaign each year to assure adequate funds in the Scholarship Fund for such awards in future years.

Roger's Kids Fund:

- a) The Committee shall abide solely by the NYRCBA Inc. Roger's Kids Fund guidelines as hereto set forth and approved by the NYRCBA Delegates. All changes to these guidelines shall be submitted in writing to the delegates at a meeting of the Association and voted on before any changes shall take effect. A separate account shall be established named, "The Roger's Kids Fund," and shall be maintained by the Association Secretary/Treasurer.
- b) Awards of financial assistance will be given each year to assist Youth from NYRCBA to cover expenses for attending an annual ARBA Convention for the purpose of participating in ARBA sanctioned Youth events at the Convention.
- c) In the case of no Youth requesting such assistance for expenses for an annual ARBA Convention, funds will continue to remain in the account for future years.
- d) All Youth applying for such financial assistance must meet the following criteria:
1. Shall verify activity for a minimum of one (1) year in a NYRCBA All Breed Club.
 2. Shall have participated in one (1) NYRCBA sponsored Youth Event/Activity or other approved event by the Youth Committee within the 12 (twelve) months prior to submitting said request for funding.
 3. Youth shall also have shown/exhibited rabbits/cavies in at least five (5) NYRBCA All Breed shows in the year requesting said funding.
 4. Youth shall verify that they have volunteered and worked at NYRCBA sanctioned shows.
 5. Youth shall be 18 years of age or under.
 6. Youth shall have written parental/guardian permission and verification of their plans to attend and to be accompanied to an ARBA Convention in such year and to make a request for said financial assistance.
- e) Applications and requirements as established by the Committee shall be made available on the NYRCBA website. All applications shall be sent by US mail postmarked or electronic submission no later than September 1st of each year to the Chairperson of the committee. No applications will be accepted beyond this date. Notice will be sent to Delegates as well as shared at the Annual Spring Meeting soliciting such Applicants for ARBA Convention funding.
- f) Youth applicants having applied and met all the criteria shall be awarded \$100.00 for expenses at an ARBA Convention. All awards will be given out at the annual NYRCBA banquet by check to the Youth as requested by the Chairperson to the NYRCBA Secretary/Treasurer responsible for the account. Such request must include Recipient's: name and address.
- g) In the case of any Recipient having not attended the designated ARBA Convention for whatever reasons, such funds shall be returned to the NYRCBA Secretary/ Treasurer for redeposit in the Roger Cota Youth Fund. Failure to comply will make such Youth ineligible for any future scholarships or funds from NYRCBA.
- h) All funding will be awarded on the basis of fund availability in the account as of that year to date.
- i) The Association through this Committee shall encourage all its clubs in an ongoing fundraising campaign each year to assure adequate funds in the Roger's Kids Fund for such awards in future years.