



# 2017 Youth Achievement Contest

## Purpose

To acknowledge outstanding achievement and leadership by West Coast Classic youth members in the rabbit and/or cavy industry, as measured by activities in organizations and associations, performance on the show table, and achievements in breeding and raising animals.

## Rules

- Any youth whom is an ARBA member is eligible to compete.
- Attendance at the West Coast Classic is not necessary.
- Application must be made using the form provided by the West Coast Classic Youth Committee.
- These forms are available from the West Coast Classic Youth Committee members and the West Coast Classic website.
- Applications will be judged by age. The age divisions are as follows: Juniors (9-11 years of age), Intermediate (12-14 years of age), and Senior (15-18 years of age). Age is determined by the contestant's age the day of the competition.
- Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- Up to seven (7) pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. Include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
- Please include your **name, division and page number** at the top of each page. There will be a 10 point deduction for not following this rule.
- Winners will be announced at an awards presentation following the shows and competitions on Saturday.
- If mailing your application in, please send your original application directions page and three copies of your answers.
- Applications must be received by midnight on April 9, 2017. You can email your application and direction form as an attachment in a Microsoft Word, or PDF document to [ambrosino5@yahoo.com](mailto:ambrosino5@yahoo.com). You will receive a confirmation email once your application is received. If you cannot email it, then you may mail it to:

Mail applications to: Jennifer Ambrosino ~ 701 Beck Creek Ln.~ Patterson, CA 95363

- Emailed applications files must be renamed "WCC Achievement – your name"

Scoring Rubric:	Achievement	60 points
	Leadership	50 points
	Goals and Plans for the Future	40 points
	Clarity and Thoroughness of Answers	30 points
	Neatness and Appearance of Application	<u>20 points</u>
	Total Possible Score	200 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.

# 2017 Youth Achievement Application and Direction Form



ARBA No.  Date of Birth  Age  (On the day of competition.)

Name

Street Address

City/State/Zip Code  Phone No.  Email

I HAVE READ THE ACCOMPANYING RULES FOR THIS CONTEST AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.

Applicant's Signature  Type your name if emailing

Select One: Choose an item.

## Directions

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 seven (7) pages in addition to this page are allowed. Use 10-12 point reader friendly fonts with minimum margins of ½ inch. **Please have your name, division, and the page number on the top of each page.** Application must be received by midnight on April 9, 2017. Please email to [ambrosino5@yahoo.com](mailto:ambrosino5@yahoo.com) or send to Jennifer Ambrosino ~ 701 Beck Creek Lane ~ Patterson, CA 95363.

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?

Questions or concerns? Contact Jennifer Ambrosino at [ambrosino5@yahoo.com](mailto:ambrosino5@yahoo.com) or 209-505-1652.