

# 2017 Youth Royalty Contest



## Purpose

To acknowledge excellence among West Coast Classic youth members, and to allow these members to demonstrate a working knowledge of the rabbit and cavy industry. To explore critical thinking skills, demonstrate personal initiative and provide problem-solving, decision-making and goal-setting activities for these youth members.

## Eligibility

Applicant must be a current member of American Rabbit Breeder's Association. The age requirements and divisions are as follows: (*age is the youth's age day of competition*)

<b>Years of age:</b>	<b>15-18</b>	<b>12-14</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>Under 9</b>
<b>Boys:</b>	King	Duke	Prince	Lord
<b>Girls:</b>	Queen	Duchess	Princess	Lady

Applicants **must** be in attendance at the West Coast Classic youth competitions.

## Rules

1. Applicants agree to be available and complete **all** events scheduled. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
2. Application must be made using the form provided by the West Coast Classic Youth Committee. These forms are available from the WCC website, WCC Facebook page.
3. Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
4. Up to five pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. Each question must be copied before your answer. Include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
5. Include your name, division and page number at the top of each page of information submitted. There will be 10 points deducted for not following this rule.
6. The sum of the scores from the application, written test, interview, identification, and judging contests will determine the winners. (Lord and Lady exclude judging.) All five areas will have equal weight for scoring point totals.
7. Winners will be announced at the Awards Presentation following the shows and competitions on Saturday.
8. Send your original **Royalty Written Application Direction Form**, a single copy of your answer to Question #16 and one copy of your answers to questions #1 through #15 if mailing in your application.
9. Enclose or attach a portrait photo of yourself with this application. On the back of the photo write your royalty age group, name, city, and state. Send photos sized no larger than 3 x 5 inches. This photo is part of your application and will be used on the website, if you are a royalty winner. Application and photo become the property of the WCC Youth Committee and may not be returned. Photos that are attached in an email do not need to be labeled.
10. 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).
11. Please rename the document to say "Royalty Application – your name".

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 Lane ~ Patterson, CA 95363

Application Scoring Rubric:	Size and Scope of Project	30 points
	Purpose, Goals and Plans for Future Management	30 points
	Achievement	30 points
	Leadership	30 points
	Clarity, Neatness, and Thoroughness	30 points
	Question #16	<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.

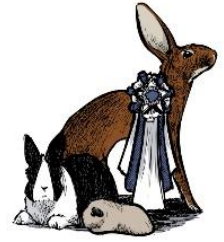
## PROCEDURES

- Each contestant in the King, Queen, Duke, Duchess, Prince, and Princess Division will judge four classes of four animals per class. This is a timed event of seven minutes per class. Placements will be made on special forms provided. The use of the *ARBA STANDARD OF PERFECTION* at the judging table is encouraged. The use of judging aids or placing markers should be of very minimal size.
- Each Royalty contestant will compete in a breed identification contest. Contestant will be required to identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavy, listing the complete breed name as printed in the *ARBA STANDARD OF PERFECTION*. They will also identify the showroom variety, whether a 4 class or 6 class, breed, and the registration variety of each of the 25 animals. No abbreviations are accepted. Please go to [www.arba.net/youth](http://www.arba.net/youth) to download a Breed ID guide for rabbits and cavy.
- All contestants will take a written test. The questions for this test will be taken from the *ARBA Official Guidebook*, the *ARBA Yearbook*, the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*, the *ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide*, issues of *Domestic Rabbits* from Jan/Feb, 2017 to present, and the ARBA Web Site. Lord and Lady Contestants will be provided help in reading their test.
- All contestants may also participate in an interview as needed. Contestants in the Lord and Lady contest will need a rabbit or cavy during their interview, an animal handling/judging score (not showmanship) will be made at this time. Contestants for interviews should be in proper showroom attire with a show coat or, at minimum, a long sleeve white shirt.

## A complete application will include:

1. A completed **Royalty Written Application Direction Form**, including your signature.
2. One copy of your answers to the form's questions #1 through #15 (only if you are mailing your application).
3. One copy of your answer to question #16. This will be printed on the website if you are a winner.
4. One photograph of yourself with your Royalty age division, name, residence city and state printed on the back. Be sure to include this information if you are emailing your photo as well.

# 2017 Youth Royalty 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 five (5) pages, excluding question #16 and this page, are allowed. Use 10-12 point reader friendly fonts with minimum margins of ½ inch. **Please have your name, division and 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. How and when did you get started in your project? Include names of those who have helped you the most.
3. List your memberships in rabbit &/or cavy related organizations. Include the name of each club (no abbreviations) and the number of years you have been a member.
4. What offices or committees have you served on in local, state, or national rabbit or cavy clubs?
5. How have you been a leader in your project?
6. Name the breed(s) you raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
7. What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
8. Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
9. What are your goals for this project?
10. Describe the housing & equipment for your animals, be very specific.
11. What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?
12. List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned.
13. List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project.
14. How do you feel your project will help you in your future endeavors?
15. What would you like us to know that has not been asked?
16. If you win this award, a short description of your achievements will be posted on the WCC Website. Write what you would like to be printed in 300 to 600 words. Please Note: This is a separate page and does not count toward the page count. Failure to include this question will result in a 20 point deduction.

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