

# 2020 Youth Royalty Contest



## Purpose

To acknowledge excellence among ARBA 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 Breeders Association.** Membership may be “pending” at the time that the application is submitted, but must be obtained prior to West Coast Classic. All applicants will be verified for current membership. 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 and be a current member of the ARBA. Membership may be “pending” at the time that the application is submitted, but must be obtained prior to convention. All applicants will be verified for current membership.

## 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 West Coast Classic website, West Coast Classic Facebook page, and the District 2 Royalty and Youth Teams Facebook page. Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The sum of the scores from the application, written test, interview, identification, and judging contests will determine the winners. (Lord, Lady, Prince & Princess exclude judging.) All five areas will have equal weight for scoring point totals.
6. Winners will be announced at the Awards Presentation following the shows and competitions on Saturday.
7. 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.
8. 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 in the West Coast Classic website and Facebook, if you are a royalty winner. Application and photo become the property of the West Coast Classic Youth Committee and may not be returned. Photos that are attached in an email do not need to be labeled.
9. Applications **must be** received by midnight on Saturday, March 14, 2020. You can email your application and direction form **as an attachment in a Microsoft Word or PDF document to [d2royaltykids@gmail.com](mailto:d2royaltykids@gmail.com)** **Please rename the document to say “Royalty Application – your name” Failure to do so will result in a 10 point penalty.** 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:** Melinda Smith: 860 Bristol Court Dixon, CA 95620

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 and Duchess 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. The Prince and Princess contestants will participate in showmanship for their handling score. Lords and Ladies will participate in basic handling.
- Each Royalty contestant will compete in a breed identification contest. Contestant will be required to identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavies, 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 cavies.
- 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, 2019 to present, and the ARBA Web Site. Help reading the test will be provided to those who request it.
- Contestants may be asked to give an interview. 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 posted on the WCC Website and Facebook groups 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. The photograph will be used on the WCC Website and Facebook groups if you are a winner.

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** If you are unable to complete the Word Doc fillable application form, you can do 1 of 2 things. Either print the form, write in the information, and scan it, OR, type the info into a new document (you MUST include the questions with it) **West Coast Classic considers the entrants and participants in this Royalty Contest to be our "Best & Brightest" for the continued strength and growth of our organization.**

# 2020 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 March 14, 2020. Please email to [d2royaltykids@gmail.com](mailto:d2royaltykids@gmail.com) or send to Melinda Smith: 860 Bristol Court Dixon, CA 95620.

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. 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.
6. How have you been a leader in your project?
7. What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
8. What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?
9. Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
10. What are your goals for this project?
11. List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned. Pick the 2 most important to you from your list and describe the circumstances and why it's important to you.
12. List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project. Pick the 2 most important to you from your list and describe the circumstances and why it's important to you.
13. Describe the housing & equipment for your animals, be very specific.
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 and Facebook page. 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 and follow directions will result in a 20 point deduction.

Questions or concerns? Contact Melinda Smith at [deltabreezerabbitry@gmail.com](mailto:deltabreezerabbitry@gmail.com) or Stefanie Switzer at [sswitzer86@yahoo.com](mailto:sswitzer86@yahoo.com)