



AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

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Parent Body of All Chartered Local and Specialty Clubs / One National Judging and Registration System

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ARBA 2011 NATIONAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding achievement and leadership by ARBA youth members in the rabbit and/or cavy industry, as measured by activities and leadership in organizations and associations, performance at the show table, achievements in breeding and raising animals and the vision and goals set for themselves and their project.

RULES

- 1 Any ARBA youth member is eligible to compete. Membership must be valid on September 1st. Attendance at the ARBA National Convention is not necessary.
- 2 Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
- 3 Up to seven pages and less than 4500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
- 4 Include your name and ARBA membership number 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 THREE copies of your answers!

CATEGORIES

Applications will be judged by ARBA District and contestant age (division). Divisions are: Junior(Ages 5 to 11 years), Intermediate(Ages 12 to 14 years), and Senior(Ages 15 -18 years). Age is determined by the contestant's age on the last day of the National Convention. Winners will be announced at the Youth Banquet at the ARBA National Convention. Contestants need not be present to win.

SCORING CRITERIA

Applications will be judged on the following criteria: Achievement(60 points); Leadership(50 points); Goals & Plans for the Future(40 points); Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers(30 points); Neatness & Appearance of Application(20 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.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entry must be made **online** or on the form provided by the ARBA Youth Department. This form is available from your ARBA District Director, the ARBA office, the ARBA Youth Website, and the ARBA Youth Committee.

Mailed entries must be postmarked by September 1, 2011 and should be mailed to the ARBA Youth Chairperson.

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ARBA NATIONAL YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST APPLICATION

QUESTIONS

- 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 Explain what you do to make others aware of rabbits or cavies.
- 7 Describe any rabbit or cavy activities that you participated in and/or developed.
- 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 set for yourself with regards to your rabbit or cavy project?
- 11 What goals have you achieved to this point in your 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?

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