

WSRBA Youth Contest & Scholarship Guidelines

Eligibility for a WSRBA "Youth to Nationals" Scholarship:

Every year the WSRBA Board decides how many scholarships and the dollar amount for each scholarship to be awarded for that year's Royalty contest. In order to be eligible...

Youth must participate in the WSRBA Royalty contest, and have a top overall score. For example, if there are 8 scholarships awarded that year, the score needs to be in the top 8 of all overall royalty scores. Scholarship recipients must also meet the following requirements:

- 1) Youth wishing to have their Royalty score considered for a scholarship must **ALSO** participate in both Management and Achievement contests, by the contest deadline.
- 2) Youth must confirm by July 1st (approx 1 week following contest) that they will be able to go and participate in the National Convention's contest. If they cannot confirm by then, the scholarship will be passed on to the participant with next highest top score.
- 3) Youth must have residency in the state of Washington. Residents of other states may participate in the contest, but will not be eligible for a WSRBA scholarship. If a contestant from out of state places in the top scores, the scholarship will be passed on to the Washington participant with the next highest top score.

The WSRBA youth contests and out of state contestants:

The WSRBA welcomes participation of out of state contestants for any of the youth contests at our annual convention. Since we mirror our contest closely to the national contest, we believe anyone competing in our WSRBA youth contests will benefit greatly and learn a lot. Although we value out-of-state youth, it is important for them to understand that only WA state residents are eligible to receive a Royalty or runner up title, or scholarship (see above). The contest result packet which will be handed out the day following the contest, will include all the scores and corrected entry forms. These are useful for identifying strengths and growth points in preparation for their own State contest or the National contest.

Note: Out of state contestants ARE eligible for awards in the individual breed identification and judging contests, and management and achievement contests. They are also eligible for the **Mike Uptagrafft Judging Award**, which is a cash award for the overall highest placing youth in the individual judging contest.

Judging and Breed Identification teams for the National Convention:

Every year following the annual WSRBA convention, the WSRBA youth committee collaborates to form breed ID and judging teams to compete at the ARBA National Convention. Youth will need to confirm as soon as possible that they are indeed planning to attend the national convention and would like to participate on a team. The committee then forms Washington teams, giving priority to those that competed in the WSRBA contests, and how they placed. Secondly, they assist in forming District 1 teams in collaboration with youth coordinators from neighboring states. The committee will strive to place all youth that plan to attend on either a breed ID or Judging team, or both.

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