

Washington State Rabbit Breeders Association

WSRBA 2024 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding achievement and leadership by WSRBA 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

1. Any WSRBA Youth Member that is a resident of ARBA District 1 is eligible to compete. Attendance at the WSRBA Convention is not necessary.
2. Applications will be judged by age. The age divisions are as follows: Pre-Junior (8 & under years of age), Junior (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 on the closing day of the WSRBA Convention (June 23, 2024).
3. Participation in the Achievement Contest requires a current WSRBA membership. The [WSRBA membership application form](#) is available on the WSRBA website. The WSRBA memberships of all applicants will be verified on June 1st, 2024. Applicants not holding a current membership on June 1st will incur a 20 point deduction and be given the option to immediately sign-up or renew their membership. If they do not sign-up or renew, they will not be allowed to compete.
4. **Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words.** Contestants of all ages may not copy answers from their siblings or other contestants. Applications with evidence of plagiarism will receive a deduction of at least 20 points. Youth in the Pre-Junior category may choose to have some help in filling out their application (e.g. spelling, grammar, typing assistance is acceptable).
5. A document with up to six (6) pages of information may be submitted by the applicant. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation. Applications exceeding this page limit will receive a 20 point deduction.
6. **Your name should not appear anywhere on your application document, except for in the file name.** Failure to follow this direction will result in a 10 point deduction.
7. Winners will be announced at the WSRBA Banquet at the WSRBA Convention on June 22, 2024. Contestants need not be present to win.
8. Applicants must submit their applications through the [online entry portal](#).
9. **Applications must be submitted by 11:59:59 PM Pacific Standard Time on May 15, 2024.** Applications submitted after the deadline will receive a 20 point deduction.

Submit Applications Online Through the Portal:

[WSRBA Youth Contests Entry Portal](#) (Link also available at WSRBA.net/youth)

Scoring Rubric:

Achievement	60 points
Leadership	50 points
Goals	40 points
Involvement	30 points
Neatness and Appearance of Application	20 points
Total Possible Score	200 points

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

ONLINE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

You must have a Google (Gmail) or Google-affiliated account in order to use the online entry portal. If you do not already have a Google account, you can create one for free at Google.com.

If you are entering in any WSRBA youth contests besides Achievement, please have all of your application materials for these contests completed before you enter the online portal, as the portal contains areas to enter in all of the contests. Please only go through the portal once and enter all desired contests at that time.

1. **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THE ONLINE ENTRY FORM.** Answer yes when asked if you are entering in the Achievement Contest in order to access the online Achievement application form.
2. **UPLOAD YOUR APPLICATION.** Include only your answers to Questions #1-12 in this file. Your name should not appear anywhere on the document, except for in the file name. The file must be a PDF. Please name your document using the following template: "CATEGORY_LAST NAME_FIRST NAME_ACHIEVE_APP_2024". For example, if Aggie Mowry was entering in the senior category she would name her file: "SENIOR_MOWRY_AGGIE_ACHIEVE_APP_2024". Failure in any portion of this direction will result in a 10 point deduction! Google will add a name (the name of the person who owns the Google account you are using) to the end of your file name once you upload your document. You will not be penalized for this.
3. Navigate through the other pages of the WSRBA Youth Contests Online Entry Portal and enter the other contests as desired.
4. **PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT:** Read and mark the checkboxes on the last page of the entry portal attesting that you have read the rules of the contest(s) you are entering and have parent/guardian permission to participate.
5. **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION:** After the last page of the entry portal, click submit. Your responses and uploaded files will not be submitted until you click submit. Submit your application by 11:59:59 PM PST on May 15, 2024 to avoid a late entry deduction of 20 points. Upon submitting your application, you will receive an email with your responses to the questions in the online entry portal.

[**WSRBA Youth Contests Online Entry Portal**](#)

WSRBA 2024 Achievement Contest Application

Write the questions and your answers to them in a single document. Do not include your name anywhere on this document except in the file name. The page should be set to letter size (8.5" by 11") with margins between 0.5" and 1". Before answering each question, copy the question being asked onto your application. Applications that contain only answers and do not repeat the questions will receive a 10 point deduction. Applications must be no more than six (6) pages long. Applications exceeding 6 pages will receive a 20 point deduction. Use 10-12 point reader-friendly fonts on your application. Points may be deducted for lack of clarity.

1. When did you join the WSRBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged? Explain any lapses in membership.
2. List the rabbit or cavy organizations that you are currently a member of (use full names) and any office or committee positions that you hold within these organizations.
3. List any rabbit or cavy activities that you have participated in since January 1, 2022.
4. How are you involved in rabbit or cavy organizations that you are not a member of?
5. Give 2-3 examples where you've personally helped another exhibitor at a show or rabbit/cavy event. Describe the circumstances and what you learned in the process.
6. Describe any rabbit or cavy activities, educational displays, and/or presentations that you have developed to make others aware of your project(s).
7. Explain how you have helped others learn new skills and increase their knowledge of this hobby.
8. Make a table or list of any awards you have won individually or as a member of a group since January 1, 2022. (3/22, GC Sr. Fitting & Showing, Clark Co. Fair; etc.) Choose 2 or 3 of the most important award(s) you have won individually or as a member of a group within your project. Explain why those awards are important to you.
9. Make a table or list of your animal wins since January 1, 2022. Choose 2 or 3 of the most important award(s) you have won with your animals. Explain why those awards are important to you.
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. What goals are you struggling to achieve and why? Do you plan to change anything within your project to achieve your goals?

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[Click Here to Access the Online Entry Portal](#)

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