

# Washington State Rabbit Breeders Association

## WSRBA 2024 YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST

### PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among WSRBA Youth Members in attendance at the WSRBA Convention. 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

Applicants must be current members of the WSRBA at the times of entry and participation. The age requirements and divisions are as follows: *(age is determined as the youth's age on the closing day of the WSRBA Convention: June 23, 2024)*

Years of age:	15-18	12-14	9-11	8 & Under
Boys:	King	Duke	Prince	Lord
Girls:	Queen	Duchess	Princess	Lady

Applicants **must** be in attendance at the WSRBA Convention, June 21-23, 2024 in **Cashmere, WA**.

### RULES

1. Applicants agree to be available and complete all events scheduled. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
2. **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 Lord/Lady categories may choose to have some help in filling out their application (e.g. spelling, grammar, typing assistance is acceptable).
3. Participation in the royalty 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Contestants not holding a current membership on June 1<sup>st</sup> 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. While at the WSRBA Convention, contestants are the responsibility of their parents or chaperones. The chaperones must be of legal age.
5. Winners will be announced at the WSRBA Banquet at the WSRBA Convention on June 22, 2024.
6. Applicants may submit their applications through the [online entry portal](#).
7. **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 through the [Online Entry Portal](#)** (Link available at [WSRBA.net/youth](http://WSRBA.net/youth))

## PROCEDURES

**June 22, 8:00 AM:** All contestants must check in to receive their packets and name tags. All contestants will be expected to stay at the check-in location to receive specific instructions for the day's events.

**June 22, 8:30 AM:** All contestants will take a written test. The questions for this test will be taken from the *ARBA Official Guidebook*, the *ARBA Yearbook*, the *2021 - 2025 ARBA Standard of Perfection*, the *ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide*, issues of *Domestic Rabbits* from the previous two calendar years, the ARBA Website, and the WSRBA Website. Lord and Lady contestants will be provided help in reading their test. Reading help will be available for all other youth requiring it upon request. At no time may a contestant be helped by their own parent/guardian/sibling. All answers must be clearly marked for accurate scoring.

**June 22, 10:00 AM:** Each youth contestant in the King/Queen and Duke/Duchess divisions will judge four (4) classes of four (4) animals per class. This is a timed event of seven (7) minutes per class. Youth will mark their class placements on provided judging cards. Youth will receive instruction on how to fill out the judging cards immediately following check-in. All cards must be filled out correctly! The use of the ARBA Standard of Perfection at the judging table is encouraged. The use of placement markers is allowed, but they must be of minimal size. At no time may a contestant be helped by their own parent/guardian/sibling.

Contestants in the Prince/Princess divisions will compete in an individual showmanship contest. Contestants will examine and evaluate an animal while explaining what they are examining and why. The contestant will use their own animal for this contest, and may use a rabbit or cavy. To help the contestant be familiar with this contest please see the ARBA [Rabbit](#) and [Cavy](#) Showmanship Scorecards, which are available on the ARBA and WSRBA websites.

**June 22, 10:00 AM:** Each youth contestant will compete in a Breed Identification Contest. Contestants will be required to identify 25 animals, including both rabbits and cavies, and list the complete breed names as printed in the ARBA Standard of Perfection. They will also identify the showroom variety and the registration variety of each of the 25 animals and whether the animal is a four-class or a six-class breed, as listed in the [2024 ARBA Breed ID Guide](#), which is available on the ARBA and WSRBA websites. Abbreviations are not accepted. There will be a set of tie breaker questions for each age division in the Breed Identification area. At no time may a contestant be helped by their own parent/guardian/sibling.

**June 22, 11:30 AM:** All contestants will be interviewed at the convention. Contestants in the Lord/Lady divisions will need a rabbit or cavy during their interview, and will complete the handling contest at this time. The [WSRBA Handling Rubric](#) is available on the WSRBA website. Contestants for interviews should be in proper showroom attire with a show coat, apron with long sleeve shirt, or, at minimum, a long sleeve white shirt.

The sum of the scores from the application, written test, interview, breed identification, and judging/showmanship/handling contests will determine the winners. All areas are worth 200 points each, for a total of 1000. All five areas will have an equal weight for scoring point totals. In the event of a tie, the individual scoring higher on the tie breaker questions from the Breed Identification shall be the winner.

### **Application Scoring Rubric:**

Introduction and Background	30 points
Involvement & Leadership	40 points
Plans & Goals	30 points
Management	40 points
Achievement	40 points
Clarity, Neatness & Thoroughness	20 points
<hr/> Total Possible Score	<hr/> 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 Royalty, 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 Royalty Contest in order to access the online Royalty application form.
2. **UPLOAD YOUR APPLICATION.** Include only your answers to Questions #1-16 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\_ROYALTY\_APP\_2024". For example, if Aggie Mowry was entering as a queen she would name her file: "QUEEN\_MOWRY\_AGGIE\_ROYALTY\_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. **UPLOAD YOUR BIO.** Include your name at the top of this document. The file must be a PDF. Please name your document using the following template: "CATEGORY\_LAST NAME\_FIRST NAME\_ROYALTY\_BIO\_2024". For example, if Aggie Mowry was entering as a queen she would name her file: "QUEEN\_MOWRY\_AGGIE\_ROYALTY\_BIO\_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. Royalty applicants that are not Washington residents do not need to submit a bio.
4. **UPLOAD A PHOTO OF YOURSELF.** This photo will be used in a display and/or PowerPoint of Royalty contestants at the WSRBA Convention. This photo will also be posted to the WSRBA Website, along with your bio, if you are a Royalty Winner. The photo must be a PNG or JPG. Please name your document using the following template: "CATEGORY\_LAST NAME\_FIRST NAME\_ROYALTY\_PHOTO\_2024". For example, if Aggie Mowry was entering as a queen she would name her file: "QUEEN\_MOWRY\_AGGIE\_ROYALTY\_PHOTO\_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.
5. Navigate through the pages of the WSRBA Youth Contests Online Entry Portal and enter the other contests as desired.
6. **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.
7. **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 Royalty Application

Write questions #1-16 below 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. The document containing your answers to Questions #1-16 must be no more than seven (7) pages long. Documents exceeding 7 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. Explain how and why you got started in your project. Include the year, breed(s), and who helped you get started.
3. List the breed(s) you currently raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Why did you choose this (these) breed(s)? Tell us what other breed(s) you have raised in the past and give a brief explanation of why you are no longer raising them.
4. List your current memberships in rabbit &/or cavy related organizations. Include the name of each club (no abbreviations), the number of years you have been a member, and any offices or committees that you hold within these organizations.
5. How have you been a leader in your project?
6. What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
7. 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.
8. Describe the housing & equipment for your animals. Be very specific.
9. What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?
10. Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
11. Do you register your animals? Why or why not?
12. Make a table or list of outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned since January 1, 2022. Pick two from your list and explain why they are important to you.
13. Make a table or list of outstanding awards and achievements you have earned since January 1, 2022. Pick two from your list and explain why they are important to you.
14. What are your goals for your project and what are your personal goals? What goals have you achieved to this point?
15. What are some setbacks or struggles that you have faced within your project(s) or goals? What have you done to overcome those setbacks? Do you plan to make any changes in your project to achieve your goals?
16. How do you feel your project will help you in your future endeavors?

**WSRBA.net Bio:** If you win this award, a short description of your achievements will be posted to the WSRBA Website. Write what you would like to be posted in 300-600 words. Applicants that are not Washington State residents do not need to submit an answer to this question.

**\*\*Put your bio in a separate document. It does not count towards your 7 page maximum. Include your name at the top of this page. Failure to follow any of these directions will result in a 10 point deduction (out-of-state contestants are exempt).**

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