

## OSRBA YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST

Age Division (please circle age and appropriate designation):

\*Age for OSRBA contest is determined by age of contestant on last day of OSRBA convention weekend

Years of age:	15-18	12-14	9-11	5-8
Designation:	KING QUEEN	DUKE DUCHESS	PRINCE PRINCESS	LORD LADY

ARBA#: \_\_\_\_\_ ARBA Membership Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

OSRBA Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (as of Sunday of OSRBA weekend)

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the accompanying rules for this contest and agree to abide by them.

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in this contest, as well as permission for my child's picture to be taken and published for promotion for the OSRBA Youth. This includes all media types. I understand my child's name may be published on the OSRBA Website, Facebook Page, and/or other forms of media. I understand participation in this contest is strictly voluntary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*This form may be scanned or the signature may be typed as appropriate for email submission.

Any entries missing signatures or this page will not be scored.

**All applications must be emailed by 11:59 PM EDT by April 10th, 2025.**

No exceptions will be made.

## **RULES**

1. **Applications must be received by e-mail no later than 11:59 PM EDT on April 10th of current competition year**
2. This contest is only open to OSRBA youth members who are also permanent Ohio residents
3. Exhibitors must be OSRBA members prior to contest entry. This includes individual or family memberships as well as members of any affiliate rabbit or cavy club
4. Applications **MUST** contain application and questions in their entirety
5. Page count is determined by the answers to your questions with the questions included in the document. To prepare you for ARBA Royalty Court contests, it is recommended to provide the question in its entirety followed by the answer.
6. Applications are to be typed in size 10-12 font, preferable in times new roman or arial, but other easy to read fonts are acceptable, one-sided. Standard page margins should be obtained. Maximum page length is 7 pages. Visual aids may be included in total page count. All submissions are to be sent in PDF format
7. Questions **MUST** be answered in the same order of which they are provided in this document. Please copy and paste the question directly above your answer
8. Winner will be chosen using the scores from the following: written application, written examination, breed identification, age appropriate competition as clarified below, and oral interview.
  - a. King/Queen and Duke/Duchess - compete in judging contest
  - b. Prince/Princess - compete in showmanship
  - c. Lord/Lady - compete in skill-a-thon
9. To be eligible to win, each contestant **MUST** compete in each graded component of the contest
10. Written exam will begin FRIDAY evening of OSRBA show weekend in the designated showroom location (to be provided)
11. Royalty contestants **MUST** be present at the award ceremony on Sunday morning of OSRBA show weekend at 8 AM. All winners must remain present for a picture following the ceremony

## SCORING CRITERIA

### Written Application

- All answers must be the words of the contestant
  - Parents may help with proofreading and formatting ONLY
- 7 page, single sided length maximum
- Do NOT put your name, ARBA number, or any headings on application
- Do NOT use a cover sheet but contest entry form must be included
- Submit application in PDF format via email
- Contestants must be present at award ceremony to win
- Contestants must provide a photo of head/shoulders or waist up with application
  - Photo should be in JPG format
  - Photo may include rabbit but should maintain you as the primary focus
- Contestants should write a biography, as a separate document, and submit in PDF format with application
  - Biography parameters are as follows:
    - 300-600 word short description of your achievements
      - Does NOT count toward your page limit of application
    - Write in first person as narrative
- Failure to follow any rule as listed will result in 20 point deduction of total score
- Scoring for written application will be as follows:

CATEGORY	POINTS
Introduction & Background	30
Involvement & Leadership	40
Plans & Goals	30
Management	40
Achievement	40
Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers Neatness of Application Followed Instructions	20

## Contest Components

- Each contestant must compete in their age appropriate individual contest
  - King/Queen and Duke/Duchess - compete in judging contest
  - Prince/Princess - compete in showmanship
  - Lord/Lady - compete in skill-a-thon
- Each contestant must compete in breed ID
- Each contestant will take a written exam on the Saturday of OSRBA weekend
  - Questions can come from any ARBA resource, including, but not limited to:
    - Standard of Perfection
    - ARBA official guidebook
    - ARBA official yearbook
    - Previous 2 years of ARBA domestic rabbit publication
    - ARBA website
  - For those needing assistance reading and writing, a proctor will be available
    - Request for a proctor will be required upon pre-entry of competition to ensure an adequate number of proctors are available
- Select contestants will be provided a 15 minute oral interview
  - Interview order will be posted by 3 pm on the Saturday of OSRBA show weekend
  - If not all interviews can be conducted, this score will be dropped from all applicants within the category
  - Failure to show for an interview, will provide the candidate a zero for the interview score
  - Proper show attire is preferred for the interview
    - Show coat OR apron with long sleeve shirt
    - Clean and nice pants
    - Closed toe, neutral colored shoes
- Winners will be chosen utilizing the following point system:

CATEGORY	POINTS
Written Application	200
Written Examination	200
Oral Interview	200
Breed Identification	200
Age-appropriate Competition	200

## ENTRY PROCEDURES

1. Contest entry form and application are available on OSRBA.net website under the youth portal
2. **Deadline for entry is 11:59:59 PM April 10, 2025**
3. Email entry submission is required
4. A separate entry/submission is required if entering both rabbit and cavy management applications

## **OSRBA YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

1. When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?  
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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 those 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 circumstance 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 a 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 a list of outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project 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?