



The Oregon League of Rabbit and Cavy Breeders

YOUTH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

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OLRCB 2009 YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge Excellence among OLRCB youth members in attendance at the State Convention and Show. 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.

ELIBIBILITY

Applicant must be a current member of the OLRCB at the time of entry and participation. The age requirements and divisions are as follows: (*age is the youth's age on the closing day of the OLRCB Convention*)

<i>Years of age:</i>	15-18	12-14	9-11	Under 9
Boys:	King	Duke	Prince	Lord
Girls:	Queen	Duchess	Princess	Lady

Applicants **must** be in attendance at the OLRCB Convention and Show, June 6, 2009 in Newport, Oregon,

RULES

1. Applicants agree to be available and complete all events scheduled. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
2. Any OLRCB Youth member must meet the following requirements to compete: Current OLRCB membership in good standing; Age consistent with royalty eligibility requirements; Oregon residency; Participation in youth royalty activities at the OLRCB State Convention level or both the OLRCB State and ARBA National Conventions in the year the scholarship is awarded.
Attendance at the National Convention is not necessary. Funds are to be used the year the scholarship application submitted, but can be used for either the state or national level.
3. Applicants planning on attending the 2008, ARBA National Convention to be held in San Diego, California, November 1 – 5, 2009, ***must compete in both rabbits and cavies*** at the 2009 OLRCB Royalty Contest. If you are not planning on attending the 2009 ARBA National Convention, the contestant ***must*** compete in either rabbits or cavies or both.
4. Application must be made using the form provided by the OLRCB youth department. This form is available from the OLRCB Youth Chairperson, members of the Youth Committee and the OLRCB Website.
5. While at the OLRCB Convention, contestants are the responsibility of their parents or chaperon. The chaperon must be of legal age.
6. Up to five pages, printed **on one side only**, of information may be submitted by the applicant. Each question must be included within this page limitation. **There will be 30 points deducted for not following this rule.**
7. **Include your name at the top of each page of information submitted. There will be 10 points deducted for not following this rule.**

8. The sum of the scores from the application, written test, interview, identification, and judging contests will determine the winners (Lord and Lady exclude judging.) All 5 areas will have equal weight for scoring point totals.
9. Winners will be announced at the OLRCB Convention Banquet held on June 6, 2009. Plan on attending!
10. Send your original **Royalty Written Application Direction Form**, a single copy of your answer to **Question #15** and **THREE** copies of your answers to questions #0 through #14! There will be 20 points deducted for not following this rule.
11. Enclose a portrait photo of yourself with the application! This photo will also be used at the OLRCB Convention. On the back of the photo write you Royalty age group, name, city, and state. Send photos sized no larger than 3 x 3 inches. This photo is part of your application. Failure to include a proper photo will result in a 20 point deduction.

Applications and photo become the property of the ORLCB Youth Committee and may not be returned.

Applications must be received by **May 5, 2009**. Forms received after the deadline will have **20 points deducted**. Forms received after **May 11, 2009 will be returned.**

Send applications to: Murial Keyes, 14255 SE Stephens, Portland, OR, 97223

Scoring Rubric:	Size and Scope of Project	30 points
	Purpose, Goals and Plans for Future Management	30 points
	Achievement	30 points
	Leadership	30 points
	Clarity, Neatness, and Thoroughness	30 points
	Question #15	<u>20 points</u>
	Total possible score	<u>200 points</u>

CONVENTION PROCEDURES

June 6, 2009 - The royalty contest will be held in conjunction with the Oregon League State Convention. All Royalty contestants are to report to the contest area by 8:45am. The contest will start at 9:00am. The contest consists of 4 parts: judging contest, written test, oral interview and breed/color identification.

Judging: Each contestant in the King, Queen, Duke, Duchess, Prince, and Princess Division will judge 4 classes of 4 animals per class. This is a timed event of 7 minutes per class. Placements will be made on the special forms provided. The use of the *ARBA STANDARD OF PERFECTION* at the judging table is encouraged. The use of judging aids or placing markers should be of very minimal size.

Lord and Lady Contestants will compete in showmanship instead of judging.

Breed Identification: Each Royalty contestant will compete in a breed identification contest. Contestant will be required to identify 20 animals, both rabbits and cavy, listing the complete breed name, as printed in the *ARBA STANDARD OF PERFECTION*. They will also identify the showroom variety, whether a 4 class or 6 class breed, and the registration variety of each of the 20 animals. No abbreviations are accepted.

Written Test: All contestants will take a written test at the convention. The test will have true/false, multiple choice, matching, and fill in blank questions. This test covers a broad area of topics including management; rabbit or cavy breed information; and ARBA officers, history, and rules. The questions for this test will be taken from the ARBA Standard of Perfection, ARBA Guide to Raising Better Rabbits (similar to 4-H Manual), and the ARBA yearbook. Volunteers will be available to read or explain the questions if you need help.

Oral Interview: All contestants will be interviewed at the convention. The interview consists of a 10-15 minute oral interview with two or three adult members of the rabbit & cavy community. The oral interview covers information on you, your achievements, goals, management plans and involvement with rabbits and/or cavy. Contestants in the Lord and Lady contest will need a rabbit or cavy during their interview to demonstrate their ability to handle the animal during the interview. An animal handling/judging score (not showmanship) will be made at this time. Contestants for interviews should be in proper showroom attire with a show coat or, at minimum, a long sleeve white shirt.

Please stay in the contest area until you are finished with the test and Breed ID. You might have to wait a short time to get through some areas of the competition depending on the facilities available, If you need to leave the area to get your animals to the judging table please inform us and keep checking back until you finish all four parts of the contest. Make sure you have put your name on all pages!

A complete application will include:

1. A completed **Royalty Written Application Direction Form**, including your signature and your parent/guardian's signature.
2. Three (3) copies of your answers to the form's questions #0 through #14.
3. **One copy of your answer to question #15.** This will be printed in the OLRCB Newsletter if you are a winner. Everyone will read it so make it a good reflection of what you wish to say.
4. One photograph of yourself with your Royalty age division, name, residence city and state printed on the back. The photograph will be used at the OLRCB Convention.

The OLRCB considers the entrants and participants in this Royalty Contest to be our "Best & Brightest" for the continued strength and growth of our organization. You are the future!

OLRCB 2009 ROYALTY WRITTEN APPLICATION DIRECTION FORM

Expiration Date on OLRCB card: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age on June 7, 2009: _____

CHECK ONE DIVISION: KING _____ DUKE _____ PRINCE _____ LORD _____
QUEEN _____ DUCHESS _____ PRINCESS _____ LADY _____

NAME _____

Address/City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail Address _____

The OLRCB Youth Committee wishes to know if you would consider becoming a judge or registrar. Yes No

CHECK ONE: I will only be attending the OLRCB State Convention
I will be attending both the OLRCB State and the ARBA National Convention

Chaperon while at the OLRCB Convention _____

Can Chaperon Help With Contests At Convention? Yes No Chaperon's Phone @ Convention _____

Applicant's SIGNATURE _____

Parent/Guardian's SIGNATURE _____

The following information must be typed, printed or written on your OWN paper (8.5 in. x 11 in.). Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. No more than five (5) pages, **excluding question #15 and this page, are allowed**. Use 10 – 12 point reader friendly fonts if using a word processor, points are allowed for "Clarity". Include your name at the top of each page.

0. When did you join OLRCB and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
1. How and when did you get started in your project? Include names of those who have helped you the most.
2. Name the breed(s) you raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
3. List your memberships in rabbit &/or cavy related organizations. Include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
4. What offices or committees have you served on in local, state, or national rabbit or cavy clubs?
5. What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
6. How have you been a leader in your project?
7. Describe the housing & equipment for your animals, be very specific.
8. What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?
9. Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
10. List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned.
11. List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project.
12. What are your goals for this project?
13. How do you feel your project will help you in your future endeavors?
14. What would you like us to know that has not been asked?
15. **If you win this award, a short description of your achievements will be printed in the Domestic Rabbits. Write what you would like to be printed in 300 to 600 words.**

IMPORTANT!

Make THREE (3) copies of this cover sheet and attach to EACH copy of your answers to these questions.

**** Print #15 on separate paper, it does not count towards your 5 page maximum. Include your name number at the top of this page. ****

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