

2025 Kentucky State Youth Royalty Contest

Purpose

To acknowledge excellence among The Kentucky State RBA (TKSRBA) youth members, and 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 a current member of the Kentucky State RBA. The age requirements are as follows:
(age is the youth's age day of competition)

Years of age:	15-18	12-14	9-11	5-8
Boys:	King	Duke	Prince	Lord
Girls:	Queen	Duchess	Princess	Lady

Applicants must be in attendance at the KY State Convention and MUST stay for awards

Rules

1. Applicants agree to be available and complete all events scheduled. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
2. Application must be made using the Google form on the TKSRBA website.
<https://tksrba.nicepage.io/Youth> You may also email tksrba@yahoo.com to be sent the form link.
3. Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
4. Up to six (6) pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. Each question must be copied before your answer. Include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
5. **DO NOT ADD YOUR NAME, DIVISION OR PAGE NUMBER AT THE TOP OF THE PAGES.** There will be a 10 point penalty for not following this rule.
6. The sum of the scores from the application, written test, interview, Breed identification and judging contests will determine the winners (Lord, Lady, Prince, Princess exclude Judging, but add Showmanship). All five areas will have equal weight for scoring point totals.
7. Winners will be announced at the awards presentation following the competition and lunch on Saturday.
8. Upload a photo to the photo portion of the online entry portal. Photos must show a clear shot of the contestant's face. Photos will be used along with the writing bio to congratulate our winners in social media posts as well as the TKSRBA website.
9. **Applications must be received by 11:59:59PM EST on Saturday, May 24, 2025.** The portal will then re-open on Sunday May 25 and will remain open until 8:00PM EST on Wednesday May 28, 2025 for late submissions for a 20 point penalty. **THIS INCLUDES ANY EDITS FOR APPLICATIONS ALREADY SUBMITTED!** Any application received after the late submission deadline will not be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS. You must submit your entry via the online portal on the TKSRBA website. You will fill out your demographics, choose the contests you wish to enter, and then upload your answers to your questions in PDF format.
<https://tksrba.nicepage.io/Youth.html>.

10. Please rename the document to say “TKSRBA Royalty - your name”

Application Scoring Rubric:	Introduction and Background	30 points
	Purpose, Goals and Plans for Future Management	30 points
	Achievement	30 points
	Leadership	30 points
	Clarity, Neatness & Thoroughness	30 points
	Royalty Bio	<u>20 points</u>
	Total possible points	200 points

Applications that do not follow the rules listed above will be assessed a penalty of 10 points per infraction, with the exception of late applications which will be assessed a penalty of 20 points for up to 4 days late and disqualification for later than 4 days.

PROCEDURES

- Each contestant in the King, Queen, Duke and Duchess Division will judge up to four classes of four animals per class. This is a timed event of seven minutes per class. Placements will be made on 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 a very minimal size.
- Each Royalty contestant will compete in a breed identification contest. Contestants will be required to identify up to 25 animals, both rabbits and cavies, 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 animals. No abbreviations are accepted. Please go to www.arba.net/youth to download a Breed ID guide for rabbits and cavies.
- All contestants will take a written test. The question for this test will be taken from the ARBA Official Guidebook, the ARBA yearbook, the ARBA Standard of Perfection, The ARBA Domestic Rabbit Guide, Issues of Domestic Rabbits from Jan/Feb 2024 to present, and the ARBA website. Any contestant that needs assistance in reading their test will have help provided.
- Lord, Lady, Prince and Princess will compete in Showmanship.
- All contestants will also participate in an interview. Contestants for interviews should be in proper showroom attire with a show coat or, at minimum, a long sleeve shirt.

A complete application will include:

1. A completed **Royalty Written Application Direction Form** uploaded in PDF format to the TKSRBA online Entry Portal.
2. One copy of your answers to the form's questions #1-#16.
3. One copy of your Royalty Bio. This will be printed on the website and social media if you are a winner.
4. One photograph of yourself.

2025 TKSrBA Youth Royalty Application and Direction Form

The following information must be typed, printed or written on your OWN paper. Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. Questions should be answered in age appropriate narratives. No more than six (6) pages in addition to this page are allowed. Use 10-12 point reader friendly fonts with the minimum margins of ½ inch. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME OR DIVISION OR ANY OTHER HEADERS.** Application must be received by 11:59:59PM EST on Saturday May 24, 2025. Please upload to the Royalty portion of the Youth Contest portal as a PDF. Files MUST be named “TKSRBA Royalty - your name” <https://tksrba.nicepage.io/Youth.html>

1. When did you join the TKSrBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged? Explain any lapses in members.
2. How and when did you get 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, 2023. 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, 2023. 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?

Questions or concerns? Contact the TKSrBA Youth Committee at tksrba@yahoo.com