

16. If you win this award, a short description of your achievements will be posted on the TKSRBA Website and Facebook page. Write what you would like to be printed in 300-600 words. Please Note: This is a separate page and does not count toward the page count. Failure to include this question and follow directions will result in a 20 point deduction.

I am honored to receive the title of 2024 the Kentucky State Rabbit Breeders Association Duchess. My name is Cadence Ryan, I am 14 years old and I am from Peach Grove, Kentucky. I am in the 8th grade at Phillip A. Sharp Middle School. I learned to love rabbits through my local 4-H rabbit club in Pendleton County, Kentucky. I have been showing rabbits for about 5 years.

I joined the American Rabbit Breeders Association in 2019 and have raised Holland Lops and Britannia Petites. I currently have Tans, New Zealands, Californians, Czech Frosties and 1 Netherland Dwarf that I use for showmanship. After trying a couple different breeds, my dad got me started in the Tan breed. When I first got my New Zealands, I got a trio and they were meant to be strictly bred for a meat pen and I was specifically told not to fall in love with them. However, I did fall in love with them and even won my first Best in Show with a New Zealand.

In 2020 and 2021, I was honored to be named the Kentucky State Rabbit Breeders Association Princess. I was also the 2023 Kentucky State Rabbit Breeders Association Duchess. I have also won Reserve Champion Showman for rabbits at my county fair for 3 years in a row and the Junior Grand Champion Showman for rabbits at the 2022 Kentucky State Fair.

When not working with my rabbits, I like cooking and baking, riding my pony, roller skating, showing my chickens and playing with my dog Phoebe. I play flute in my school concert band and I participate in the Kentucky United Nations Assembly with my school. I love going to 4-H camp every summer and being in my school play each year. I also enjoy playing golf, camping, hiking and traveling with my family. When I grow up, I want to go to the University of Kentucky and get an animal science and biology degree so I can work in the university's diagnostics lab doing necropsies on animals.