



Rocky Mountain High Shows, Inc. Youth Contests 2019

Important Due Dates:

T-Shirt Entries – April 6th

Educational Application Due – May 12th/Applications (Items Due to Convention May 24th)

Late Entries will be charged \$5.00 at check-in

Royalty, Management and Achievement Application – April 21st

Royalty entries received after April 21st receive 20 point deduction

No Royalty, Management or Achievement entries after May 12th

Please send a Photo with All Entries

Copy of ARBA and RMHS Cards must be included with all entries

rmhscontests@gmail.com

720-353-1649

RMHS 2019 YOUTH T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

All youth T-Shirt entries Due April 6th

RULES

1. All artwork must be suitable for a front design of a T-shirt
2. All artwork must be original signed works submitted on white paper sized 8.5x11 up to 11x14 inches.
3. Computer generated artwork may be submitted on storage media with the hard copy of the submitted work
4. Pencil drawings, line drawings, grayscale sketches, etc. will be accepted, either hand or computer generated. No photographic artwork!
5. Artwork must include: a rabbit; the organizational name “**RMHS**” or “**Rocky Mountain High Shows**”;

Attendance to RMHS State Convention not required!

RMHS 2019 EDUCATIONAL CONTESTS

Attendance at RMHS State Convention Not Required

Entry due May 12th, 2019

Entries after May 12th- \$5.00

**Bring with you or send with a friend. Must receive items before 9:00 a.m. May 25th
Items may also be dropped off Friday night until 8:00 p.m.**

- Art** Art- Drawing Art- Painting Art- Sculpture/ Carving
- Crafts** Ceramics or Pottery Handmade Jewelry Wearable Art
 Crafts-Latch Hook Crafts- Needlework Crafts- Puppet or Stuffed Animal
 Crafts-Stenciled Item Crafts-Wearable Art Crafts-Any Other Craft
- Creative Writing** Poem Short Story
- Educational** Educational- Poster Educational Display Educational Game
- Photography** Single Photo: Black & White Single Photo: Color Photography - Photo Series
- Woodworking or Metalworking** Decorative Rabbit or Cavy Equipment

ARBA does not have any guidelines for the educational contests, so although these are not in concrete, here are some suggestions to make your project easier to display.

Name, age group and class on the back of your project.

Art: drawings and paintings should be framed or matted.

Crafts: Think about how to enhance your product while being displayed. One might consider plastic to help keep crafts clean. Hangers, mats, or hooks.

Creative Writing: Poems could be framed. Either could be placed in a protective cover.

Posters: Check into your county poster rules. Take into consideration transportation and durability of hauling your poster around. Protect it if necessary. Make it neat and educational.

Photography: Please frame or mat. Photo Series should be connected or framed together. My preference: pictures between 4x6 & 8x10. Although quality of picture would be of most importance.

Woodworking or Metalworking: Please help in displaying product.

Entries for Youth Contests

ARBA # _____ RMHS # _____ (Must be a current member June 2nd, 2019) *Include copy!!*

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Age on October 31st, 2019 ____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

T-Shirt Size: _____ Lab Coat Size: _____

Emergency Contact #1 Name: _____ Phone: _____

Royalty Contest: All Royalty contestants will need to complete achievement & management applications before deadline. Also Royalty contestants must complete an Interview, Breed Id, Written Exam, and Showmanship (5-11) or Judging (12-18)

King (15-18) Duke (12-14)* Prince (9-11)* Lord (5-8)
 Queen (15-18) Duchess (12-14)* Princess (9-11)* Lady (5-8)

Achievement Contest: *Attendance NOT required!*

Senior (15-18) Intermediate (12-14) Junior (9-11) Pre-Junior (5-8)

Management Contest:

Attendance NOT required!

O Caviary

O Limited 1-20 Holes

O Average 21-50 holes

O Unlimited over 51holes

Individual Contests:

O Breed ID (All ages)

O Written Exam (8-18)

O Showmanship (8-11)

O Judging (12-18)

*O *9-11 Judging if possible*

PUBLICITY RELEASE - I authorize the RMHS & ARBA or their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice (or that of my child, if under 18) for use in ARBA educational and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video and image recordings are the property of the *Rocky Mountain High Shows, Inc.* **O Yes O No**

Youth MUST have parental permission to participate in these contests. Further, by signing this form below, both parents and participants are confirming that you agree to the following statement:

I(we) understand participants will be minimally supervised and that contest participants may be handling live animals. If serious illness or injury develops attempts will be made to contact the listed emergency contacts. I(we) have read and understand the ARBA Youth Department Code of Conduct and Publicity Release. I(we) hereby release Rocky Mountain High shows, American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., and their agents, officers and employees, from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind, including claims of negligence, which may arise from participation in any RMHS Youth Department sponsored activity and contest.

Contestant Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

RMHS 2019 Summary of YOUTH CONTESTS

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among RMHS youth members in attendance at the RMHS State Convention and Show through the evaluation of their knowledge and skills involved in the rabbit and cavy industry.

RULES

1. Any RMHS youth member is eligible to compete, however, attendance at the State Convention is required for individual contests, not for educational, management or achievement.
2. A contestant may enter as many contests that are age-appropriate as they wish.

Breed Identification Contest

1. Divisions: Pre Junior (under 8), Junior (Ages 9 to 11 years), Intermediate (Ages 12 to 14 years), and Senior (Ages 15 -18 years).
2. Contestants will identify 25 animals, both rabbits and cavies, listing the complete breed name as printed in the *ARBA Standard of Perfection*, the showroom variety, whether a 4 class or 6 class breed, and the registration variety of each of the 25 animals.
3. No abbreviations are accepted.

Written Exam

1. Divisions: Juniors (ages 9-11 years), Intermediate (Ages 12 to 14 years), and Senior (Ages 15 -18 years).
2. Questions will come from the following resources: Domestic Rabbit Magazine, ARBA Year book, Standard of Perfection, RMHS Newsletters.

Showmanship Contest

1. Division: Junior (Ages 8 to 11 years).
2. Contestants will examine and evaluate an animal telling what and why as they go along.
3. A contestant may use their own animal or make arrangements to use another member's animal.
4. Score sheet from ARBA Website.

Judging Contest

1. Divisions: Intermediate (Ages 12 to 14 years), and Senior (Ages 15 -18 years)
2. Each member will be required to place four classes of four animals per class. This is a timed event of 7 minutes per class. The use of the ARBA Standard of Perfection at the judging table is encouraged.
3. Judging classes may involve rabbits (including meat classes), cavies, fur and wool.
4. For the 2019 RMHS convention, Intermediates and Seniors will judge the same 4 classes of rabbits. If 9-11 is available, they will judge 2 classes of rabbits.

Placement for 'Judging & Breed ID' representing the Rocky Mountain High Shows (Colorado State) for ARBA National Convention are determined by state convention scores in appropriate age group for National competition. *ARBA & RMHS requirements must be fulfilled.* Youth will compete in the age group they will be on October 23rd, 2020 in order to make sure they are in the correct age division.

RMHS & ARBA WRITTEN APPLICATION TIPS

PURPOSE

Many of the Youth Contests of the American Rabbit Breeders Association are application based. This information is presented in order for applicants to take best advantage of the application platform to express themselves and their project. This is not an all-inclusive list of tips, nor is it intended to be a list of requirements, though some of these tips are designed to help applicants understand the specific requirements necessary to create a fair and manageable contest.

BASIC FORMATTING CONVENTIONS

These tips are to help you navigate the requirements of proper formatting. These contests have both a word limit and a page limit. Readability is very important! No more than 7 pages or 4500 words.

1. **Font faces:** The two most popular (and readable) fonts are Times New Roman and Arial. Using one of these will help make the application more readable.
2. **Font size:** Business standards, as well as these contests, use 10-point or 12-point type.
3. **Page Margins:** Margins should be between 1/2inch and 1 1/2inches, with the most common size being 1 inch.
4. **Style:** The indiscriminate use and overuse of font styles (bold, italic, underline, etc.) serves to diminish your writing. Some use can be helpful, but be careful only to use it when necessary.
5. **Make sure you answer the question asked!** You can talk about other things as well, but the most common error is not answering the question asked.
6. **Pay attention to deadlines.** Late applications will sabotage your effort.
7. **Make sure you copy the question above your answer.**
8. **Be clear and concise.** Answer the question fully, but do not rely on an unnecessary volume of words to make the point that you want to make just to fill up space for an answer to one of the questions you have been asked, like this tip is doing! Don't use two lines if only one is needed.
9. **Using good grammar and spelling tells the judge you are serious and careful.** Ask a teacher or other adult to help you proofread your application.
10. **Pictures tell a lot about you and your project.** Select them carefully and size them appropriately to tell the story. Include captions so the judges know what they are looking at and why. However, not all answers will lend themselves to being helped by a picture. Concise use of pictures can be just as important as concise use of language.
11. **Occasionally, the order of questions will change from year to year.** Make sure you use the current year's questions. It is always helpful to start with your application from last year, but make sure you properly edit for the current year.
12. **Put your name and application name on EVERY PAGE of your application.**

All applications are Due April 21st, 2019.

**Applications, online or postmarked, between April 22nd and May 12th will receive a 20-point deduction.
No application will be accepted after May 12th .**

2019 RMHS Management Contest

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence of management style by ARBA youth members in the areas of housing & equipment, feeding & animal care, disease control, record keeping, breeding & genetics for the care and production of rabbits and/or caviaries.

RULES

1. Any RMHS youth member is eligible to compete. Membership must be valid on April 1st. Attendance at the RMHS National Convention is not necessary.
2. Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
3. Up to seven pages and less than 5500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
4. Include your name and RMHS & ARBA membership number at the top of each page of information submitted.
5. If entering online, you may upload you application. If entering by mail, you must send your Contest Entry Form and THREE copies of your answers!

On-line entry preferred:

Copy and answer the questions in Microsoft word. Photographs and graphics may be included. Save the final copy as a .pdf or word doc if possible. Do not exceed 5500 words or 7 pages.

Fill out the Contest form. Send completed Contest Form and final copy to rmhscontests@gmail.com

Enclose a photo of yourself with this application. *On the back of the photo write your age. Send photos sized no larger than 3 x 3 inches. This photo is part of your application and may be used in Domestic Rabbits and in the RMHS Newsletter if you are a winner. The best photo would be head and shoulders or waist up. You may be with your animal, but remember that you are the center of attention.*

Print the entry form, fill it out. Send each application & entry form in separate documents.

CATEGORIES

Divisions are: Limited Rabbitry (1-20 Holes), Average Rabbitry (21-50 Holes), Unlimited Rabbitry (51+ Holes), and Caviary (all sizes).

Members can enter only ONE division. State winners will be selected in each division. Contestants need not be present to win.

All applications are Due April 21st, 2019.

Applications, online or postmarked, between April 22nd and May 12th will receive a 20-point deduction. No application will be accepted after May 12th .

2019 Management Contest Questions

QUESTIONS

1. When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
2. Name the breed(s) you raise, how many animals you have in each breed and why you raise these breed(s). a. Also include breed(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
3. Describe where your animals are located: barn, outbuilding, yard, garage, basement, house, etc.?
4. How do you protect your animals from heat, cold or drafts?
5. Describe your cages/coops, list the number, size, materials they are made of and how they are constructed.
6. Describe the equipment you use to feed and water your animals.
7. What type(s) of feed(s) do you give your animals? Do you give your animals feed supplements? If so, why?
8. How do you dispose of the manure and waste your animals generate?
9. Describe any other equipment used for the care of the animals in your project.
10. Describe everything you consider and do when breeding your animals. Include ages, time of year, system for keeping track of bred animals and provisions for kindling.
11. Describe everything you do to care for the mother and young from birth until weaning.
12. How many litters with how many total animals did you have born Since January 1, 2019? How many young did you wean?
13. Do you track the quality of your offspring to the breeding animals? Explain.
14. Describe your culling procedure. What do you do with your surplus animals?
15. How many replacement animals have you added since January 1, 2019? What qualities do you look for in selecting replacements?
16. Describe any diseases that have affected your production and explain what you did to control them.
17. Explain your system for keeping records and what information is kept on each animal.
18. Did your ARBA animal project show a profit or loss last year? Explain.

Scoring Rubric:	Cages, Housing & Equipment	50 points
	Breeding & Production	50 points
	Care, Health, & Herd Management	30 points
	Record keeping	20 points
	Clarity & Thoroughness of Answers	30 points
	Neatness and Appearance of Application	<u>20 points</u>
	Total possible score	200

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 one week late and disqualification for later than one week.

All applications are Due April 21st, 2019.

Applications, online or postmarked, between April 22nd and May 12th will receive a 20-point deduction. No application will be accepted after May 12th.

2019 RMHS Achievement Contest

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding achievement and leadership by RMHS youth members in the rabbit and/or cavy industry, as measured by activities and leadership in organizations and associations, performance at the show table, achievements in breeding and raising animals and the vision and goals set for themselves and their project.

RULES

1. Any RMHS youth member is eligible to compete. Membership must be valid on April 1st. Attendance at the RMHS Convention is not necessary.
2. Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant. *I do not expect a 5 year old to know all the answers.*
3. Up to seven pages and less than 4500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
4. Include your name and RMHS membership number at the top of each page of information submitted.
5. If entering online, you may upload you application. If entering by mail, you must send your Contest Entry Form and THREE copies of your answers!

On-line entry preferred:

Copy and answer the questions in Microsoft word. Photographs and graphics may be included. Save the final copy as a .pdf or word doc if possible. Do not exceed 4500 words or 7 pages.

Fill out the Contest form. Send completed Contest Form and final copy to rmhscontests@gmail.com

Enclose a photo of yourself with this application. *On the back of the photo write your age. Send photos sized no larger than 3 x 3 inches. This photo is part of your application and may be used in Domestic Rabbits and in the RMHS Newsletter if you are a winner. The best photo would be head and shoulders or waist up. You may be with your animal, but remember that you are the center of attention.*

Print the entry form, fill it out. Send each application & entry form in separate documents.

CATEGORIES

Applications will be judged by contestant age (division). Divisions are: Junior (Ages 5 to 11 years), Intermediate (Ages 12 to 14 years), and Senior (Ages 15 -18 years). Age is determined by the contestant's age on first day of State Convention.

- **FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THE ARBA CONTEST APPLICATIONS, PLEASE SEE THE SUPPLEMENT "APPLICATION TIPS."**

All applications are Due April 21st, 2019.

Applications, online or postmarked, between April 22nd and May 12th will receive a 20-point deduction. No application will be accepted after May 12th.

2019 Achievement Contest Application

QUESTIONS

- 1 When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
- 2 Which rabbit or cavy organizations are you a member of (use full names)?
- 3 List any office or committee positions that you have held in a rabbit or cavy organization.
- 4 Explain the most important award(s) you have won individually or as a member of a group within your project.
- 5 Explain the most important award(s) you have won with your animals.
- 6 Describe any rabbit or cavy activities that you participated in and/or developed.
- 7 Explain what you do to make others aware of rabbits or cavies.
- 8 List the things you have done to encourage others to join rabbit or cavy organizations.
- 9 Explain how you have helped others learn new skills and increased their knowledge of this hobby.
- 10 What goals have you achieved to this point in your project?
- 11 What goals have you set for yourself with regards to your rabbit or cavy project?
- 12 Explain how the achievement of these goals will help you in the future?
- 13 What would you like us to know that has not been asked?

Scoring Rubric: Achievement	60 points
Leadership	50 points
Goals and Plans for the future	40 points
Clarity and Thoroughness of Answers	30 points
Neatness and Appearance of Application	<u>20 points</u>
Total possible score	200 Points

All applications are Due April 21st, 2019.

Applications, online or postmarked, between April 22nd and May 12th will receive a 20-point deduction. No application will be accepted after May 12th.

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2019 Youth Royalty Application

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among RMHS youth members in attendance at the RMHS 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. The ARBA considers the entrants and participants in this Royalty Contest to be our “Best & Brightest” for the continued strength and growth of our organization.

RULES

1. Any RMHS youth member is eligible to compete, however, attendance at the State Convention is required.
2. Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant.
3. Up to five pages and less than 4500 words, printed on one side only, may be submitted by the applicant.
4. Both Management & Achievement written applications must be complete by all Royalty Contestants. We realize some younger members may not be able to answer all questions, but should try to answer all questions.
5. Kings, Queens, Duke and Duchess must complete Written Examination, Oral Interview, Breed Identification and Judging.
6. Prince and Princess must complete Written Examination, Oral Interview, Breed Identification and Showmanship.
7. Lord and Lady’s must complete, oral interview, breed identification and showmanship.

CATEGORIES

Divisions are: King (Boys, Ages 15-18 years), Queen (Girls, Ages 15-18 years), Duke (Boys, Ages 12-14 years), Duchess (Girls, Ages 12-14 years), Prince (Boys, Ages 9-11 years), Princess (Girls, Ages 9-11 years), Lord (Boys, Ages 5-8 years), Lady (Girls, Ages 5-8 years). Age is determined by the contestant’s age on October 31st, 2019

Scoring Rubric:

Application:	200 points
Written Examination	200 Points
Oral Interview	200 Points
Breed Identification	200 Points
Age-appropriate Individual Contest	<u>200 Points</u>
Total Points	1000 Points

All applications are Due April 21st, 2019.

Applications, online or postmarked, between April 22nd and May 12th will receive a 20-point deduction. No application will be accepted after May 12th.

2019 RMHS Royalty Questions

1. When did you join the ARBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
2. How and when did you get started in your project? Include names of those who have helped you the most.
3. List your memberships in rabbit &/or cavy related organizations. Include the name of each club (no abbreviations) and the number of years you have been a member.
4. What offices or committees have you served on in local, state, or national rabbit or cavy clubs?
5. How have you been a leader in your project?
6. 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.
7. What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
8. Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
9. What are your goals for this project?
10. Describe the housing & equipment for your animals, be very specific.
11. What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?
12. List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned. Pick the two most important to you from your list and describe the circumstances and why it is important to you.
13. List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project. Pick the two most important to you from your list and describe the circumstances and why it is important to you.
14. How do you feel your project will help you in your future endeavors?
15. What would you like us to know that has not been asked?
16. If you win this award, a short description of your achievements will be printed in Domestic Rabbits. Write what you would like to be printed in 300 to 600 words. Please Note: This is a separate page and does not count toward the word count or the page count. Failure to include this question will result in a 20 point deduction.

FOR INFORMATION ON COMPLETING THE ARBA CONTEST APPLICATIONS, PLEASE SEE THE SUPPLEMENT “APPLICATION TIPS”, AVAILABLE ON THE ARBA WEBSITE AND THE ARBA ENTRY FORMS PACKET.

This form is Required for all contest entries: DUE MAY 12th

Pay attention to dates on specific entries. This is a separate form that will not enter you into contests, but helps us to know who is coming and other important information.

INCLUDE: 1 copy of your **CURRENT** ARBA and RMHS membership cards

____ I will need help due to a disability – Please specify _____

Chaperone while at State Convention:

Name _____ Phone # _____

Can chaperone help with contests at State Convention Yes _____ No _____

Will you be attending the 2019 ARBA Convention? Yes _____ No _____

I have read and understand and agree to abide by the rules and obligations of these events.

Parents Initials:

Contestant Initials:

Parent's Signature _____ Contestant's Signature _____

This form must be emailed no later than May 12th

Don't forget to include your achievement, management and royalty questions and royalty photograph!

PAY ATTENTION TO ALL DEADLINES!

Questions: Contact Mary Ellen LeBlanc @ 720-353-1649 or [email rmhscontests@gmail.com](mailto:rmhscontests@gmail.com)

Remember that if you do not receive a confirmation email, it means that we did not get your forms!!

Contest and Check-in will be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on May 25th.

If there is a reason that you would need to check in later, you need to contact Mary Ellen via phone at 720-353-1649.

****If you are participating in the Judging and Breed ID contests and want to be considered for the State Team, you must be able to attend the ARBA Convention in Reno, October 20th to the 23rd**

More details regarding convention can be found at www.gowestyoungbuck.com

If you are not able to attend Nationals and still would like to participate at

State Convention, indicate this at check-in.

The Achievement and Management, along with the Educational Contests do not require the youth to be present at the Colorado State Convention.

Judging, Breed ID and Royalty do require the youth to be present.

The Junior Division will not be judging rabbits; they will instead be doing Showmanship.

ARBA does not have a junior judging division anymore.

Pre-Juniors will not be taking a written test unless they would like to do this for practice.