

American Cavy Breeders Association

ACBA 2017 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding achievement and leadership by ACBA youth members in the cavy fancy, as measured by activities in organizations and associations, performance on the show table, and achievements in breeding and raising animals.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be current members of the ACBA at the time of entry and participation. Membership status will be confirmed by the ACBA Youth Chair with the ACBA Secretary.

RULES

1. Any ACBA Youth Member is eligible to compete. Attendance at the ACBA Specialty Show is **NOT** necessary.
2. Application must be made from the form provided by the ACBA Youth Committee. These forms are available from the ACBA Youth Chairperson, members of the Youth Committee, and the ACBA Website.
3. Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words. Youth under the age of nine may choose to have some help in filling out the application.
4. Up to five (5) pages, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. These should include information needed to complete the answers. Visual aids may be included within this page limitation.
5. Applications will be judged by district, and age within district; up to 9 yrs, 9-11 yrs, 12-14 yrs and 15-18 yrs. Age is determined by age on the last day of 2017 ACBA Specialty (April 30, 2017). A National winner and Runner-up will be selected for each age division.
6. Winners will be announced at the ACBA Banquet at the ACBA Specialty Show. Contestants need not be present to win.
7. Applications may be submitted in one of the following two ways:

Option 1) Send your original application page (filled out completely) and **THREE** copies of your answers! Also, send a current photograph of yourself. There will be a 10 point deduction for incomplete applications.

Option 2) Email your application in a Word document: original application page (filled out completely) and **one** copy of your answers! Also, send a current photograph of yourself (these items will need to be scanned and attached to the email).
8. Make sure to sign the application! Failure to have signature will result in a 10 point deduction.

9. Do not place your name on your application other than on the signature sheet! Placing your name on any of your application pages will result in a 10 point deduction. Mailed applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2017, emailed applications must be received by midnight (EDT) March 15, 2017.

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

Mailed applications must be postmarked on or by March 15, 2017 and addressed to:

Stacy Scott Berteau
7629 Kapok Drive
Sarasota, Florida 34241

Email applications must be received by Midnight (EDT) on March 15, 2017 and sent to:

ACBAyouth@yahoo.com

ACBA 2017 Achievement Contest Application

Date of Birth: _____

Age on April 30, 2017: _____

Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

The following information must be typed, printed or written on your OWN paper (8.5"x11"). Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. No more than five (5) pages (single sided), excluding this page, are allowed. Thirty (30) points will be deducted if you exceed this requirement. Use 12-point reader friendly fonts if using a word processor.

1. When did you join the ACBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
2. Which cavy organization are you a member of (use full names)?
3. List any office or committee positions that you have held in a cavy organization.
4. Describe any cavy activities that you participated in and/or developed.
5. Explain what you do to make other aware of cavies.
6. Explain how you have helped others learn new skills and increased their knowledge of this hobby.
7. List the things you have done to encourage others to join cavy organizations.
8. Explain the most important award(s) you have won individually or as a member of a group within your project.
9. Explain the most important award(s) you have won with your animals.
10. What goals have you set for yourself with regards to your cavy project?
11. What goals have you achieved to this point in your 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?