

# American Cavy Breeders Association

## ACBA 2017 YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST

### PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among ACBA Youth Members in attendance at the ACBA Specialty Show. To allow these members to demonstrate a working knowledge of the cavy fancy. To explore critical thinking skills, demonstrate personal initiative, and to provide problem-solving, decision-making, and goal-setting activities for these youth members.

### 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.

The age requirements and divisions are as follows:  
(age is determined as the youth's age on the closing day of the ACBA Specialty Show)

Years of age:	15-18	12-14	9-11	Under 9
Boys:	King	Prince	Duke	Count
Girls:	Queen	Princess	Duchess	Countess

**Applicants must be in attendance at the ACBA Specialty, April 28-30, 2017, Waynesville, North Carolina, to compete in the Royalty contest**

### RULES

1. Applicants agree to be available and complete all events scheduled. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
2. Applicants must participate in the Youth Management and Youth Achievement Contests.
3. 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.
4. Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words. Youth in the Count/Countess category may choose to have some help in filling out the application.
5. While at the ACBA Specialty, contestants are the responsibility of their parents or chaperone. The chaperone must be of legal age.
6. Winners will be announced at the ACBA Banquet at the ACBA Specialty.
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).

**Application Scoring Rubric:**

Size and Scope of Project	30 points
Purpose, Goals and Plans for Future	30 points
Management Contest	30 points
Achievement Contest	30 points
Leadership	30 points
Clarity, Neatness & Thoroughness	30 points
Photo, copies, signatures & Question #16	<u>20 points</u>
Total Possible Score	200 points

**APPLICATION**

SEND THREE (3) COPIES OF YOUR APPLICATION!

- Do not use binders, folders, etc. on your application. Send only the original of the Royalty application and a single copy of your answer for Question #16. *Failure in any portion of this direction will result in a 10 point deduction!*
- Enclose a photo of yourself with this application!!! This photo will be posted in the JACBA and on the ACBA Website, along with the answers from Question #16, if you are a Royalty Winner. On the back of the photo write your Royalty age group, name, city and state. Send photos no larger than 3 x 5 inches! This photo is part of your application. Photos of those not winning an ACBA Royalty title will be returned to them in their results packet. Photos of the winners will be returned to them by mail after the pictures have been posted. *Failure to include a proper photo will result in a 10 point deduction for an incomplete form.*
- Make sure that both the applicant and their parent/guardian sign the application! *Failure to have both the applicant's signature and that of their parent/guardian will result in a 10 point deduction for each missing signature.*
- Make sure you include: a completed application **with required signatures**, THREE copies of your answers (if using snail mail), ONE copy of your answer to Question # 16, and ONE photo of yourself with your name, age division, city & state printed on the back.
- Do not put your name anywhere on your application other than on your signature sheet! *Placing your name on your application pages will result in a 10 point deduction!!*

**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

## PROCEDURES

- 1) All contestants must check in to receive their packets and name tags. All contestants will be expected to stay at the check in location to receive specific instructions for the day's events. Contest is tentatively to begin at 4:00 pm on Friday, April 28, 2017.
- 2) All contestants will take a written test at this time. The questions for this test will be taken from the ACBA Official Guidebook, the ARBA Standard of Perfection, JACBA publications (Feb. 2016 - Feb. 2017), and the ARBA Registrars Study Guide.
- 3) Count and Countess Contestants will be provided help in reading their test. Reading help will be available for all other youth upon request. At no time, may a contestant be helped by their own parent/guardian/sibling. All answers must be clearly marked for accurate scoring.
- 4) Each youth contestant in the King/Queen and Prince/Princess divisions will judge four (4) classes of four (4) animals per class. This is a timed event of seven (7) minutes per class. Placements will be made on special forms provided. Instruction on how to fill out the forms will be made directly following sign in. All forms must be filled out correctly! The use of the ARBA Standard of Perfection at the judging table is encouraged. The use of placement markers is allowed, but they must be of minimal size. At no time, may a contestant be helped by their own parent/guardian/sibling.
- 5) Contestants in the Duke/Duchess and Count/Countess divisions will compete in an individual showmanship contest. Contestants will examine and evaluate an animal telling what and why as they go along. The contestant will use their own animal for this contest. To help the contestant be familiar with this contest please see Cavy Showmanship Score Sheet. This is available from ACBA Youth Committee members or the ACBA web site. Or at:  
[https://www.arba.net/PDFs/showmanship\\_arba\\_cavy\\_05\\_11.pdf](https://www.arba.net/PDFs/showmanship_arba_cavy_05_11.pdf)
- 6) Each youth contestant will compete in a breed identification contest. Contestants will be required to identify 25 animals, listing the complete breed names as printed in the ARBA Standard of Perfection. They will also identify the showroom variety, and the registration variety of each of the 25 animals. Abbreviations are not accepted. At no time, may a contestant be helped by their own parent/guardian/sibling.
- 7) All contestants will be interviewed at the ACBA Specialty show. Contestants in the Duke/Duchess and Count/Countess divisions will need a cavy during their interview; an animal handling/judging score will be made at this time. Contestants for interviews should be in proper showing attire with a clean show coat or at minimum, a long sleeve, collared, shirt. (The National contests require a white shirt to be worn if the contestant does not wear a show coat.) The sum of the scores from the application, written test, interview, breed identification, and judging contest/showmanship will determine the winners. All areas are worth 200 points each, for a total of 1000. All five areas will have an equal weight for scoring point totals.

## ACBA 2017 Royalty Written Application

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Age on April 30, 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: King: \_\_\_\_\_ Prince: \_\_\_\_\_ Duke: \_\_\_\_\_ Count: \_\_\_\_\_  
Queen: \_\_\_\_\_ Princess: \_\_\_\_\_ Duchess: \_\_\_\_\_ Countess: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperone while at the ACBA Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Question #16 and this page, are allowed. Twenty (20) points per page will be deducted if you exceed this requirement. Use 12-point reader friendly font if using a word processor.

1. When did you join the ACBA 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. Name the breed(s) you raise and how many animals you have in each breed. Include breeds(s) you have raised in the past and why you no longer raise them.
4. What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
5. List your memberships in cavy &/or rabbit related organizations. Include the name of each club (no abbreviations) and the number of years you have been a member.
6. What offices or committees have you served on in local, state, or national cavy or rabbit clubs?
7. How have you been a leader in your project?
8. List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned.
9. List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in 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. Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
13. What are your goals for this project?
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 posted to the ACBA Website. Write what you would like to be posted in 300-600 words.

*Print #16 on separate paper, it does not count towards your 5 page maximum. Include your name at the top of this page.*