

American Cavy Breeders Association

Promote the breeding and improvement of the cavy, and secure publicity for and interest in the cavy as an exhibition and pet animal.

ACBA 2025 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge outstanding achievement and leadership by ACBA youth members in the cavy fancy, as measured by activities and leadership in organizations and associations, performance on the show table, and achievements in breeding and raising animals and the vision and goals set for themselves and their project

RULES

1. Any ACBA Youth Member is eligible to compete. Membership must be valid by March 1st, 2025. 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 Chair and on the ACBA Website.
3. Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words. Youths under the age of nine may choose to have some help in filling out the application.
4. **Maximum number of pages is five (5) pages**, printed on one side only, of information may be submitted by the applicant. This should include the necessary information to complete the answers. **Visual aids may be included but do not count toward the maximum number of pages.**
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 2025 ACBA Specialty (April 13th, 2025).
6. Winners will be announced at the ACBA Banquet at the ACBA Specialty Show. Contestants need not be present to win.
7. Applications must be submitted **by email and must be in a Word document.** Please email your application (filled out completely), and a copy of your answers as well as the filled-out copy of the youth royalty entry form. A current photograph of yourself is optional. When you are submitting a photograph electronically, please be sure it is of high resolution and clarity for a print publication (these items will need to be scanned and attached to the email). Incomplete applications or failure to follow these instructions will incur a 10-point deduction per infraction.
8. Do not place your name on ANY of your pages other than the page with the questions! Placing your name on any of the Contest Answer pages will result in a 10-point deduction. Emailed applications must be received by midnight (MST) by March 1st, 2025.

Scoring Rubric:

Memberships and Involvement	40 points
Achievement	60 points
Leadership	50 points
Goals	40 points
Appearance and ability to follow directions	10 points
Total Possible Score	200 points

Email applications must be received by Midnight (MST) by March 1st, 2025, and sent to:

youthroyalty@acbaonline.com

ACBA 2025 Achievement Contest Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age on April 13th, 2025: _____

District: _____

1. When did you join the ACBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged? Explain any membership lapses.
2. List any cavy, rabbit, 4-H, and/or FFA organization you are a member of (use full names) and any office or committee positions that you hold within those organizations.
3. Describe any cavy activities that you have participated in since January 1, 2024.
4. How are you involved in cavy organizations that you are **not** a member of?
5. Give 2-3 examples where you've personally helped another exhibitor at a show or cavy event. Describe the circumstance and what you learned in the process.
6. Describe any cavy activities, educational displays, and/or presentations that you have developed to make others aware of your cavy project(s).
7. Explain in detail how you have helped others learn new skills and increased their knowledge of this hobby.
8. Make a table or a list of any awards **you** have won individually or as a member of a group since January 1, 2024. Choose 2 or 3 of the most important award(s) you have won individually or as a member of a group within the cavy project. Explain why those awards are important to you.
9. Make a table or a list of your **Cavy** wins since January 1, 2024. Choose 2 or 3 of the most important award(s) you have won with your cavies. Explain why those awards are important to you.
10. What goals have you set for **yourself** regarding your Cavy project?
11. What goals have you achieved to this point in your project?
12. What goals are you struggling to achieve and why? Do you plan to change anything within your project to achieve those goals?