

2012 Royalty Contest

PENNSYLVANIA STATE RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST

PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence among PaSRBA youth members in attendance at the State Convention and 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. Royalty winners are expected to represent PASRBA for the year. Please see the expectations section.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must be an principal, not an affiliate, member of the PaSRBA at the time of participation. The age requirements and divisions are as follows: (age is determined as the youth's age on the day of the State Convention)

King/ Queen ages 15-18; Duke/ Duchess ages 12-14

Prince/Princess ages 9-11, Lord/Lady ages 8 and under

RULES

1. Applicants agree to be available and complete all events scheduled. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. You may need to find another youth to put your rabbits/cavies on the table.
2. Application must submitted online.
3. While at the State Convention, contestants are the responsibility of their parents or chaperones. The chaperone must be of legal age.
4. Submit one document in .pdf, word or open office format with up to five pages, printed on one side only, answering questions 1-15, page six answering question 16 and page 7 is the PaSRBA and Promotional Involvement form and should scanned if possible. Include information needed to complete the answers.
5. The sum of the scores from the application, written test, interview, participation, breed ID, and judging contests will determine the winners. King and Queen contestants will also give a three to five minute promotional talk including visual aids. Talks are to be performed by the contestant without help except for special circumstances with prior approval. *Points will be deducted for talks too short or too long.* The rest of the candidates must do showmanship.
6. Winners will be announced at the PaSRBA Banquet at the State Convention. Make plans to attend.
7. Submit online **one document. The entry page also has a place to submit a photo which will be used in Discovery.** Please attach the participation form as the last page. It can be scanned or typed.

Applications must be submitted by midnight Jan 1, 2012.

PaSRBA Youth Royalty Expectations

King and Queen

- Promote PaSRBA – always be aware that you are representing PaSRBA (avoid PDA when wearing your crown, sash, or cap)
- Attend at least 5 shows during the year wearing your crown and sash or hat and apron.
- PaSRBA Convention:
 - Attend the following year to help with the contest (if not running) or crown your successor.
 - Make and post all signs on Friday evening before convention starts – information will be provided
- If attending ARBA National Convention, assume the role of PA Team Captain
- Hold at least 2 clinics/study sessions for the PA Teams going to Nationals
- Farm Show:
 - Attend PA Farm Show and participate in all Commodity Representative activities – ie. Governors reception, Opening Ceremony, interviews
 - Give talks/demonstrations in the rabbit area
 - Help out at the table as much as possible
 - Participate in the Meat Pen Auction
- Attend PaSRBA Board meetings as the Youth representative
- Attend Ag Progress Days in August at Penn State
- Send pictures and information to the PaSRBA Newsletter about what you are doing.
- Help plan and promote the 2013 ARBA Convention in Harrisburg.
- Help out at shows you attend
- Be available, if possible, to represent the rabbit and cavy industry at events throughout the state when requested (ex. Farm to Table Day)
- Encourage other youth to get involved with rabbits and PaSRBA
- Have fun!!

Duke, Duchess, Prince, Princess, Lord, Lady

- Promote PaSRBA – always be aware that you are representing PaSRBA (avoid PDA when wearing your crown and sash or hat and apron)
- Attend at least 5 shows during the year wearing your crown and sash or hat and apron.
- Farm Show:
 - Give talks/demonstrations in the rabbit area
 - Help out in the rabbit area as much as possible
- Send pictures, drawings and information to the PaSRBA Newsletter Director about what you are doing.
- Help out at shows you attend.
- Be available, if possible, to represent the rabbit and cavy industry at events throughout the state when requested (ex. Farm to Table Day)
- Encourage other youth to get involved with rabbits and PaSRBA
- Help promote the 2013 ARBA Convention in Harrisburg.
- Have fun!!

Questions

The following information must be in a word or open office document. Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. No more than seven pages are allowed. Use Times New Roman 10 point font, points are allocated for Clarity in the Rubric. **On the top of each page have your name.**

Pages 1-5

1. When did you join PaSRBA 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. What are your goals for this project?
4. 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.
5. What offices or committees have you served on in local, state, or national rabbit or cavy clubs?
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. Describe the housing & equipment for your animals, be very specific.
8. What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?
9. Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
10. List outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned.
11. List outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project.
12. What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
13. How have you been a leader in your 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?

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16. If you win this award, a short biography will be printed in *The Discovery*. Write what you would like to be printed in 300 to 600 words. (as of 2012, this is included in the seven pages and is no longer a page by itself)

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PaSRBA and Promotional Involvement form- scanned is acceptable.

PaSRBA and Promotional Involvement

One of the main roles of royalty in Pennsylvania is promoting rabbit and cavy activities to both, people already involved and to the general public. Keeping PaSRBA alive and growing requires bringing in new members and keeping our current ones enthusiastic. As part of the royalty score, you will receive points for activities in the past year that contribute to that goal. The success of the 2013 ARBA National Convention will make a huge impact in our district, so any activities that help MARCS in the convention effort will be counted as well. We realize that you can't be everywhere, so there are many different areas you can earn points and you don't have to attend everything to get the maximum points in this section.

PaSRBA events

PA Farm Show- days attended _____
Hours you worked the info table _____
Talks given at the table _____
Hours spent cleaning or helping _____
Hour spent writing or helping run the show _____

State Convention-

Hours spent setting up or cleaning up _____
Hours spent writing or helping run the show _____ where? _____

AG Progress Days- days attended

Hours spent at the table _____

PaSRBA or MARCS tables- These are set up at different shows

Hours spent at tables _____ which shows? _____

Youth to ARBA- Were you on a team? _____

Did you submit royalty, management, achievement or education? _____

Meetings- How many PaSRBA board meetings did you attend? _____

Are you an officer in a PaSRBA sanctioned club? _____ which one? _____

General Promotion

Teaching classes-

Where? _____ How long? _____

Dress-

Royalty- How many shows did you wear your sash or apron? _____

Non- Royalty- How many events did you wear a PaSRBA or MARCS shirt? _____

Media coverage-

Were you in any newspaper, radio or TV about rabbits or cavies? _____

Where and when? _____ What station or paper? _____

Was there anything else you did to promote PaSRBA in the past year that was not covered already? If so, please explain:

Your name _____