

# 2024 Royalty Contest

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST

### PURPOSE

To acknowledge excellence and dedication 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 a primary member of the PaSRBA on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Applicants must be a Pennsylvania State Resident to compete. Applicants cannot hold another state rabbit/cavy organization title. The age requirements and divisions are as follows: (age is determined as the youth's age on the last day of the State Convention)

King/ Queen ages 15-18

Duke/ Duchess ages 12-14

Prince/Princess ages 9-11

Lord/Lady ages 5-8

### 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. Up to two commodity representatives will be chosen to represent PaSRBA at the PA Farm Show. These commodity representatives will be the King and Queen.
3. Application must be submitted online at [www.pasrba.org](http://www.pasrba.org). They must be submitted in .PDF format. Applications not submitted on time and/or in the wrong format will have points deducted.
4. Submit one document in .PDF with up to five pages, printed on one side only, answering questions 1-15, and page six answering question 16. Include information needed to complete the answers. Pictures are allowed in the applications. Multiple document submissions will have points deducted.
5. While at the State Convention, contestants are the responsibility of their parents or chaperones. The chaperone must be of legal age.
6. The sum of the scores, out of 600 points, from the application, written test, interview, breed ID, showmanship/presentation, and judging contests will determine the winners. King and Queen contestants will give a three to five-minute promotional talk instead of showmanship. 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.
7. Winners will be announced at the PaSRBA Banquet at the State Convention. Make plans to attend.
8. You may not currently hold another state title when applying to compete in the PaSRBA Royalty contest as of date that the application is submitted.
9. Once you have won a PaSRBA Youth title you may not run for another state's Royalty position.
10. All royalty candidates must submit a 4x6 portrait oriented .JPG photograph. Please do not include the photo in your application document. The online entry page has a separate place to submit a photo which will be used in the Discovery Newsletter.

**Applications must be submitted by 11:59 pm on Jan 1, 2024.**

## **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
- Farm Show:
  - Attend PA Farm Show and participate in all Commodity Representative activities
    - i.e., Governors' reception, Opening Ceremony, interviews
  - Give talks/demonstrations in the rabbit area
  - Help at the petting tables as much as possible
  - Participate in the Meat Pen Auction
- Attend PaSRBA Board meetings as the Youth representative
- Send pictures and information to the PaSRBA Newsletter about what you are doing.
- Help 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)
- At formal functions dress appropriately with your sash and crown (No jeans, sweatpants, t shirts)
- Encourage other youth to get involved with rabbits and PaSRBA
- Help gather donations for PaSRBA youth auctions to help support the youth contests.
- 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 in the rabbit area as much as possible
- Send pictures, drawings, and information to the PaSRBA Newsletter Director about what you are doing.
- Help 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)
- At formal functions dress appropriately with your sash and crown (No jeans, sweatpants, t shirts)
- Encourage other youth to get involved with rabbits and PaSRBA
- Help gather donations for PaSRBA youth auctions to help support the youth contests.
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## Questions

Fill in the information requested after you have copied each question. Submit one document in .PDF with up to five pages, printed on one side only, answering questions 1-15, page six answering question 16 and page seven answering the Promotional Involvement form. On the top of each page have your name.

### Pages 1-5

1. When did you join the 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. 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 extremely 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?

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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.