



TEXAS RBA ROYALTY APPLICATION

STATE SHOW 2024 - Application Deadline February 26

REGISTRATION FORM

Name

Address

City **Zipcode**

Email

TRBA Membership Expiration

Birthday

Royalty Division

<input type="checkbox"/> Lord 5-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Prince 9-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Duke 12-14	<input type="checkbox"/> King 15-18
<input type="checkbox"/> Lady 5-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Princess 9-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Duchess 12-14	<input type="checkbox"/> Queen 15-18

DEADLINE 2/26/24, MAIL TO:
 TRBA Royalty
 c/o: Jennifer Schimpf
 2301 Woodgate Drive, Apt 702
 Waco, TX 76712

RULES & LIABILITY

Only current TRBA members that are Texas residents are eligible to compete. The Royalty contest is a combination of application, written test, breed identification, and showmanship (Ages 5-11) or hands-on judging (Ages 12+). An application is required to be submitted by the deadline to be eligible to compete in royalty. **All other contest elements will be completed at the TRBA State Show in Belton, Texas on Saturday March 23, 2024.**

1. Applications are to be composed and completed by the contestant. They should be typed and include your name on each page.
2. Respond to the following questions on your own paper (8.5x11inches) in seven pages or less, excluding this cover page.
3. Include one 4 x 6 photo of yourself with name, age, and city on the back. Other sizes received or omission will receive a deduction.
4. In addition to the original, one full copy of the cover page and application should be provided. Deduction assessed if omitted. This cover page and application must be filled out completely, including the necessary signatures, to be accepted.

Submission of this application releases liability and provides consent to TRBA Youth Committee to use the information and photographs provided. We agree requirements have been met and this application is accurately completed to the best of our knowledge.

Contestant Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Questions to:
YouthCo.TexasRBA@Gmail.com

Note: This is the only page that is considered the cover page and required to be submitted with the application. Subsequent pages with questions, further instructions, and guidance are not required.



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APPLICATION QUESTIONS & SCORING

Size & Scope of Project (36 points)

1. When did you join the TRBA, and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
2. Explain how and why you got started in your project. Include the year, breeds and who helped you.
3. Name the breed(s) you raise & how many animals you have in each breed. Include breed(s) you have raised in the past & why you no longer raise them.
4. List your membership in rabbit and/or cavy-related organizations. Include the name of club & number of years you have been a member.

Leadership (36 points)

5. What offices have you held or committees have you served on in local, state or national rabbit or cavy clubs?
6. How have you been a leader in your project?
7. What have you done to promote your breed(s) and make others aware of your project?
8. Give 2-3 examples where you've personally helped another exhibitor at a show or rabbit/cavy event. Describe the circumstance and what you learned in the process.

Management (36 points)

9. Describe your housing and equipment. Be specific.
10. What specifically do you do to help with the care and upkeep of your project?
11. Describe the records you keep and how you keep them.
12. Do you register your rabbits? Why or why not?

Achievement (36 points)

13. Make a table or a list of outstanding awards and achievements your animals have earned since January 1, 2023. Pick two from your list and explain why they are important to you.
14. Make a table or a list of outstanding awards and achievements you have earned in this project since January 1, 2023. Pick two from your list and explain why they are important to you.

Purpose, Goals, & Plans for the Future (36 points)

15. What are your goals for this project? What are your personal goals? What goals have you achieved to this point?
16. What are some setbacks or struggles that you have faced within your project(s) or goals? What have you done to overcome those setbacks? Do you plan to make any changes in your project to achieve your goals?
17. How do you feel your project will help you in your future endeavors?
18. What would you like for us to know that has not been asked?

Clarity, Completeness & Neatness (20 points)

10-12-pt reader-friendly font

Name on each page

Answered all questions

Scoring

Each of the 5 question components will be scored with a maximum of 36 total points. Clarity, Completeness, & Neatness will be 20 total points. Maximum of 200 points earned (100 per grader).

The application score will be added with scores from written test, breed identification and showmanship/judging. The highest overall total will be the royalty winner for the division.

Deductions

Each page over limit (7)	-5
Not including name on each page	-5
Omission of 4x6 photo	-5
Photo back not labeled	-5
Incomplete application	-5
Missing 2nd full copy of app	-10
Postmarked after deadline	-10



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BASIC FORMATTING

FONT: Several most popular (and readable) fonts include: Arial, Calibri, Tahoma, Times New Roman and Verdana. Using one of these will help make the application more readable.

FONT SIZE: Business standards, as well as these contests, use 10-point or 12-point type.

PAGE MARGINGS: Margins should be between ½inch and 1½inches, with the most common size being 1 inch.

STYLE: The indiscriminate use and overuse of font styles (bold, italic, underline, etc.) serves to diminish your writing. Some use can be helpful, but be careful only to use it when necessary.

QUESTIONS: Make sure you copy the question above your answer. It reminds the scorers of what you have been asked.

SCORING

SCORING: There will be two royalty graders for each division. They are provided with a rubric modeled after the points spread of ARBA royalty and are informed to provide constructive feedback. Please remember that the applications are one component of the royalty contest. The grand total score of all components determines the Royalty winner.

This information is presented in order for applicants to take best advantage of the application platform to express themselves and their project. This is not an all-inclusive list of tips, nor is it intended to be a list of requirements, though some of these tips are designed to help applicants understand the specific requirements necessary to create a fair and manageable contest.

APPLICATION TIPS

DEADLINES: Pay attention to deadlines. Late applications will sabotage your effort.

MAILING APPLICATIONS: Do not send your applications in report covers or on paper that will not scan well. All applications will be scanned to scorers. **Do not send CERTIFIED MAIL**, as this may result in the application not being delivered. Previous applications sent as "certified" were left at the local post office without notification of needing to be picked up.

READ THE QUESTIONS: Make sure you answer the question asked! You can talk about other things as well, but the most common error is not answering the questions asked.

CLARITY: Be clear and concise. Answer the question fully, but do not rely on an unnecessary volume of words to make the point that you want to make just to fill up space for an answer to one of the questions you have been asked, like this tip is doing! Don't use two lines if only one is needed.

GRAMMAR: Using good grammar and spelling tells the judge you are serious and careful. Ask a teacher or other adult to help you proofread your application.

ORDER OF QUESTIONS: Occasionally, the order of questions will change from year to year. Make sure you use the current year's questions. It is always helpful to start with your application from last year, but make sure you properly edit for the current year.

PHOTOS: Pictures tell a lot about you and your project. Select them carefully and size them appropriately to tell the story. Include captions so the judges know what they are looking at and why. However, not all answers will lend themselves to being helped by a picture. Concise use of pictures can be just as important as concise use of language. *Remember to include a physical self-portrait (similar to a school photo) that is a component of your score and will be included on royalty posters.*

ACCURATE INFORMATION: Honesty is, as always, the best policy. Be mindful of the fact that scorers, while remaining anonymous, may be able to verify the claims made in your application. You do not want to get caught embellishing your activities or accomplishments.