American Cavy Breeders Association  
A.C.B.A 2015  
YOUTH ROYALTY CONTEST

PURPOSE
To acknowledge excellence among ACBA Youth Members in attendance at the ACBA Specialty. To allow these members to demonstrate a working knowledge of the cavy industry. To explore critical thinking skills, demonstrate personal initiative and 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. The age requirements and divisions are as follows:

(age is determined as the youth’s age on the closing day of the ACBA Specialty)

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<th>Years of age</th>
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<td>15-18</td>
<td>King</td>
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<td>12-14</td>
<td>Prince</td>
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<td>9-11</td>
<td>Duke</td>
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<td>Under 9</td>
<td>Count</td>
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Applicants must be in attendance at the ACBA Specialty, April 10-12, 2015 Berea, Ohio, 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. Application must be made from the direction 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.

3. 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.

4. While at the ACBA Specialty, contestants are the responsibility of their parents or chaperone. The chaperone must be of legal age.

5. Winners will be announced at the ACBA Banquet at the ACBA Specialty, April 11, 2015.

6. Applications must be postmarked by March 07, 2015. Applications postmarked after the deadline will be receive a 20 point deduction. All applications postmarked after March 14, 2015 will be returned.
Application Scoring Rubric:

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<td>Size and Scope of Project</td>
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<td>Clarity, Neatness &amp; Thoroughness</td>
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<td>Photo, membership card, copies, signatures &amp; Question #16</td>
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Total Possible Score 200 points

SEND FOUR (4) COPIES OF YOUR APPLICATION!
(Do not use binders, folders, etc. on your application.) Send only the original of the directions letter and a single copy of your answer for Question #16. Also, send ONE copy of your ACBA Membership Card. 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. Failure to include a proper photo will result in a 10 point deduction for an incomplete form. 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.

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 directions form with required signatures, FOUR copies of your answers, ONE copy of your answer to Question #16, ONE copy of your current ACBA membership card, 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!!

SEND APPLICATIONS (Must be postmarked no later than March 7, 2015) to:

Matthew Hazelbrook
5619 26 ave SW
Seattle, Wa  98106
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 10, 2015.

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 (Jan. 2014 - Feb. 2015), 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 of 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

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 convention. 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.
A.C.B.A. 2015 Royalty Written Application

Date of Birth:___________ Age on April 10, 2015:_________

Check One: King:_____ Prince:_____ Duke:_____ Count:____
Queen:_____ Princess:_____ Duchess:_____ Countess:_____ 

Name:___________________________________ ________________________ ________

Address/City/State/Zip:_____________________

Phone #:______________ E-mail Address:______________________________

Chaperon 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 side), 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.