

American Cavy Breeders Association

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

ACBA 2023 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, 2023. 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, the ACBA District Directors and the ACBA Website.
3. Applications are to be completed by the contestant and in their own words. Youth 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. These should include information needed to complete the answers. **Visual aids may be included but does not count towards 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 2023 ACBA Specialty (April 30th, 2023).
6. Winners will be announced at the ACBA Banquet at the ACBA Specialty Show. Contestants need not be present to win.
7. The Achievement Questions and your answers may either be submitted by **Email or Mailing in your contest questions as well as the ACBA 2023 Specialty Entry Form, in a Word document and one copy of your answers.** A current photograph of yourself is optional. If 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 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.** Mailed applications must be postmarked by March 1st, 2023, emailed applications must be received by midnight (MST) March 1st, 2023.

Scoring Rubric:

Memberships	20 points
Achievement	60 points
Leadership	50 points
Goals and Plans for the Future	60 points
Neatness and Appearance of Application	10 points
Total Possible Score	200 points

Mailed applications must be postmarked on or by March 1st, 2023 and addressed to:

Susan Jones
4748 E Bermuda St
Tucson, AZ 85712

Email applications must be received by Midnight (MST) by March 1st, 2023 and sent to:

youthroyalty@acbaonline.com

ACBA 2022 Achievement Contest Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age on April 30th, 2023: _____

District: _____

1. When did you join the ACBA and how many consecutive years have you belonged?
2. List any cavy, 4-H and/or FFA organization are you a member of (use full names) and any office or committee positions that you hold within those organizations.
3. Describe any cavy activities/presentations that you have participated in and/or developed in the last 3 years.
4. Explain in detail any cavy activities/presentations that make others aware of cavies.
5. Explain in detail what you have done to encourage others to be involved in the cavy fancy.
6. Explain in detail how you have helped others learn new skills and increased their knowledge of this hobby.
7. Explain in detail the one important achievement you have won individually within the last 2 years (2021 to 2022) in the cavy project.
8. Explain in detail the one important award you have won with one of your cavies within the last 2 years (2021 to 2022).
9. What other achievements have you accomplished outside the cavy fancy in the last 2 years?
10. Choose 2 or 3 of the most important awards(s) you have won with your animals. Explain why those awards are important to you and what winning them taught you.
11. What goals or new goals have you set for yourself in 2022 with regards to your cavy project. If you are using the same goals as last year, then please explain why you chose the same goal(s).
12. Have you achieved the goals listed in question 11? How did you achieve them? If you did not achieve these goals, what steps will you take to make sure you complete these goals next year?
13. Explain how the achievement of your goals will help you in the future in this cavy hobby and in your life outside this cavy hobby?