

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 2026 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PURPOSE

A means of recognizing youth members of the association who best exemplify those qualities of being outstanding members, promoters, and breeders of cavies.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must apply for the scholarship by July 31st before either entering their senior year of high school or the last year they are eligible to enter ARBA Convention as a youth.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applicant must submit their completed application, support, and references to the committee by July 31st (as outlined below) in one of the following ways:

1. Via email to ACBAScholar@yahoo.com
2. Via US Postal Service to: ACBA Scholarship Committee, 425 Ingle Hollow Rd, Sevierville, TN, 37876
3. Via Google Drive (request access by emailing ACBAScholar@yahoo.com)

RULES

Applicants must meet the following requirements and a minimum of 230 points as outlined in the scoring rubric provided below:

1. Applicant must apply for the scholarship by **July 31st**. Applicant must be a minimum of 16 years old and no more than 18 years old by September 30th of the application year. Only one scholarship award allowed per lifetime.
2. Applicant's ACBA Membership must be active at both the application date and the award date.
3. Applicant must have a minimum of three consecutive years of membership at the time of application.
4. Applicant must participate in ACBA Youth Achievement and ACBA Youth Management contests at ty q different ACBA Specialty Shows.
5. Applicant must show at five (5) ACBA sanctioned shows per year for the current three consecutive years. Exceptions will be considered for those that are geographically remote (defined as a drive of 250 miles or more to the nearest shows). (A leg or one page of exhibitor report required as support for each show)
6. Applicant must submit the essay as outlined in the application form.
7. Applicant must have three active ACBA members submit references to the committee. References must be from members who are not relatives of the applicant.
8. Each applicant will be responsible for filling out the application, providing the documentation supporting the requirements needed to apply, and assuring the application is received by the committee chairperson on time.
9. No more than one scholarship will be awarded to any youth member.

Application Scoring Rubric

<u>Category</u>	<u>Minimum Points</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
A – Essay	85	120
B – Membership	30	50
C – ACBA Youth Contests	40	80
D – ACBA Sanctioned Shows	<u>75</u>	<u>200</u>
<i>Total Possible Score</i>	230	450

APPLICANT INFORMATION

I hereby apply for a scholarship under the Scholarship Program Rules and submit the following information.

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street Address

City State Zip code

Phone # _____ **E-mail** _____

Birth date _____
Month Day Year

APPLICATION SECTIONS

A – Essay

Applicant must complete and submit with their application, an essay on the following topic. The essay must be at least 400 words and no more than 700 words.

Essay Topic: What has changed in your life by being a member of the ACBA and raising cavies and what skills have you learned by raising cavies that will help you be successful in your future non-cavy endeavors?

Points will be awarded for:

Content, 30 minimum points required, 50 points maximum can be awarded.

Clarity and Thoroughness of Answers, 30 minimum points required, 40 points maximum can be awarded.

Neatness and Appearance of Application, 25 minimum points required, 30 points maximum can be awarded.

---Minimum total points for above category – 85

---Maximum total points for above category – 120

B – Membership

Applicant must have a minimum of three consecutive years of membership, in the ACBA, at the time of application.

I have held continuous membership in the American Cavy Breeders Association since _____.

Points will be awarded for:

Each continuous year of concurrent membership in the ACBA, a minimum of three consecutive years of membership at the time of application is required.

---Minimum total points for above category – 30

---Maximum total points for above category – 50

C – ACBA Youth Contests

Applicant must have participated in ACBA Youth Achievement and Management Contests a minimum of three times.

I have participated in the ACBA Youth Achievement Contest during the following years:

_____, _____, _____, _____.
(optional) (optional)

I have participated in the ACBA Youth Management Contest during the following years:

_____, _____, _____, _____.
(optional) (optional)

Points will be awarded for:

10 points awarded for each year of participation in Youth Achievement Contests, a minimum of 2 years is required

10 points awarded for each year of participation in Youth Management Contests, a minimum of 2 years is required

---Minimum total points for above category – 40

---Maximum total points for above category – 80

References

Applicant must have three active ACBA members submit references to the committee. References should be sent via email to ACBAScholar@yahoo.com.

References must be from members who are not relatives of the applicant.

Reference's Name _____

Reference's Name _____

Reference's Name _____

Certification

I certify that to my knowledge, all statements contained in this application are true and correct. I have read the procedures for youth scholarship applicants issued by the ACBA, and I believe myself eligible to apply for a scholarship under the provisions and conditions contained therein. I understand that to be eligible for consideration for a scholarship I must be entering senior year of high school or in my last year of eligibility for the ARBA Convention as a youth at the time of application. I understand that to be eligible for consideration for a scholarship I must have completed the application form in its entirety and provided all required supporting documentation. I understand that my application, supporting documentation, and references must be received the ACBA Youth Scholarship Committee by July 31st.

Signed _____

Date _____