**TEXAS RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED**

**SCHOLARSHIP PROCEDURES AND APPLICATION** Rev 10/22; 4/23

**QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Applicant must be a member in good standing of the TRBA and have actively engaged in breeding, raising and show of rabbits/cavies for at least three (3) years immediately preceding graduation from high school. Applicant must be a legal resident of the State of Texas.
2. Applicants must have graduated from high school with at least a “C” average, or if already attending college or vocational training, must maintain a “C” average (GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 system).
3. Applicant is no older than 23 years and graduated from high school in the past five years.

**APPLICATION FOR TRBA SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship application may be downloaded from the TRBA website. Notice of application deadlines and basic requirements will be printed in the **October/November/December** issue of the TRBA Newsletter and/or posted on the TRBA website. The application must be completely filled out and uploaded to the link on the TRBA website no lo later than **February 1**. The Scholarship Awards Committee chairperson will verify membership eligibility with the TRBA secretary upon receipt of the application.

1. The applicant must submit any combination of four (4) letters of recommendation from teachers, Extension Agents/4-H leaders, employers, and/or adult TRBA members in good standing. No letters of recommendation will be allowed from TRBA Officers, Directors, Scholarship Awards Committee members, parents, relatives, or tutors.
2. If attending high school, applicant must submit an official high school transcript. If home-schooled, applicant must submit a notarized home-school grade transcript signed by parent or guardian. If attending college or vocational school, applicant must submit an official transcript from the attending college or school.
3. The application must be typed in black ink in font size 11 or 12, using Calibri or Times New Roman. The essay must be double-spaced. Application may be submitted in PDF or Word format.
4. The applicant will respond to the following essay topic: “How has raising and showing rabbits and/or cavies played a role in your development as a leader? How will this leadership development benefit your future plans and goals?”
5. One photo must be submitted with the application. The photo must be a headshot and not include any other person.
6. Application must be made and approved each year. Scholarship Award is for one (1) year only. A previous recipient may reapply for consideration each year he or she is qualified.
7. The scholarship application will be evaluated for adherence to the stated rules and will be scored per the approved rubric. The scores from the evaluation rubric will be utilized to determine the awardees.

**AWARDS**

1. *The Scholarship Committee will make award recommendations to the TRBA Board of Directors by March 1. The TRBA Board of Directors will take action on the recommendations prior to the TRBA Annual Meeting. Family members of scholarship applicants may not vote on this action.*
2. Awards will be announced at the TRBA Awards Banquet held during the State Show and Convention.
3. Recipients will provide the TRBA Secretary will proof of graduation by submitting an official final transcript. In addition, the recipient will provide proof of enrollment at an institution of higher education prior to the award being paid.

**TEXAS RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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| Name | | |
| Address | | |
| City | State | Zip |
| Phone | Email | |
| Date of Birth | Number Years Texas Resident | |
| Number Years as Texas Rabbits Breeders Association Member | | |

**Part 1:**

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| List breed(s) of rabbits/cavies you have raised and number of years for each: |
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| List rabbit/cavy clubs in which you have been a member: |
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**Part 2:**

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| 1. What offices have you held, or committees have you served on, in rabbit/cavy organizations in the past three (3) years? |
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| 1. List the most important awards you have won FOR YOURSELF due to your rabbit/cavy project, and list the most important awards that YOUR RABBITS/CAVIES have won in the past three (3) years. |
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| 1. Describe leadership roles in other agricultural related groups, civic projects, and school activities. |
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| 1. What have you accomplished in making others aware of rabbits/cavies in the past three (3) years? |
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| 1. How have you helped teach others new skills or increase their knowledge of rabbits/cavies in the past three (3) years? |
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| 1. What have done to encourage others to join the TRBA in the past three (3) years? |
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| 1. What benefits have you acquired as a result of your TRBA membership and other rabbit/cavy club memberships? |
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| 1. Explain your involvement in the TRBA. |
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**Part 3:**

The applicant must write an essay of no less than 250 words and include the essay with the scholarship application. The three (3) articles (a, an, the) will not be counted in the total word count. The essay should answer the following questions:

How has raising and showing rabbits and/or cavies played a role in your development as a leader? How will this development benefit your future plans and goals?

\*TRBA reserves the right to print your essay in the TRBA Newsletter.

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