

JANUARY 2025

# TEXAS RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER



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**REGULAR ADS:** The following rates are for publication in four (4) issues of the TRBA newsletter for TRBA members. All ads must be camera ready and must be one of the following sizes. Ads of any other size will not be accepted.

**Full Page**-7-1/2 W x 10" H - \$125.00

**Half Page**-7-1/2 W x 4-1/2"H - \$75.00

**1/4 Page**-3-1/2 W x 4-1/2"H - \$45.00

**Bus. Card**-3-1/2 W x 2-1/4"H- \$25.00

**MINI LOGS:** A mini log is a one-time publication in the TRBA Newsletter which may be used for advertising an upcoming show.



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# TRBA OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

*President Teresa DeSantell*



*No report at this time*



# TRBA OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

*Vice President John Terry*

Hello from central Texas. As I am sitting at a local county show on this cold morning I am listening and watching parents, teachers and breeders mingling to strategically play a role in molding the next generation of rabbit breeders while trying to pull off a win. Giving them the best advice possible to get the best results is a must.

The staff behind the show work tirelessly to put on the best show possible. If you haven't thanked the show committee members lately you should really think about doing that or better yet volunteering to help.

As a parent or mentor you must Mold the youth to grow and be a better and more competitor. Teach them to be graceful in a loss just as much as a win. Young people learn how to act with what they see from the adults around them. Every one of us is a hero. Remember to show them the proper way to carry themselves.

We are in full county show season in Texas along with buckle shows.

Major shows are soon approaching. With so many options to show your animals make sure to be mindful that every show species has a breaking point and the constant showing without rest can hurt you in the long run.

Make sure to plan for the TRBA state show in March. The board is working on putting on a good show and right after the state show is a bunch of nations that we will all be on the road for.





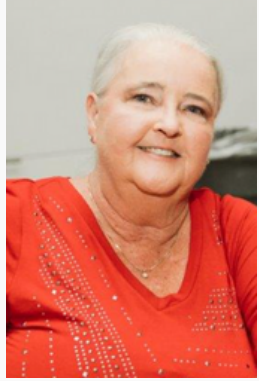
# TRBA OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS

*Secretary Amber Tondre*



*No report at this time*

# TRBA OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS



## *Treasurer- Gay Sparks*

HELLO TO ALL,  
I HOPE THAT EVERYONE HAD A GREAT HOLIDAY AND IS RESTED UP FOR THE UPSTART OF THE WINTER SHOW SEASON. OUR FAMILY HAD A LARGE GATHERING FOR THANKSGIVING, SO WE HAD A SMALL CROWD AND A QUIET HOLIDAY DURING CHRISTMAS. I LOVE TO SEE EVERYONE'S HOLIDAY PICTURES AND SEE HOW MUCH THE KIDS HAVE GROWN SINCE SCHOOL STARTED.

COUNTY STOCK SHOW HAS STARTED AND WITH IT CAME AN ARTIC BLAST. AS TEXANS AND RABBIT BREEDERS, WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO ADAPT QUICKLY AND BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING MOTHER NATURE DECIDES TO THROW AT US. WE KEEP HEAT LAMPS IN STOCK AND TRY TO KEEP PROPANE BOTTLES FILLED. MY BARN IS ENCLOSED AND STAYS ABOVE FREEZING IF THE TEMPS STAY ABOVE 18. WE DO KEEP HEAT LAMPS ON THE WATER CONNECTIONS COMING INTO THE BARN AND HEAT TAPE ON THE HOSES RUNNING TO THE WATER BARRELS. WE HAVE AN AUTOMATIC SYSTEM AND VERY LITTLE TROUBLE WITH LINES FREEZING. YOU DO HAVE TO BE DILIGENT IN CHECKING ON THE HEAT LAMPS. I'VE KNOWN OF HORROR STORIES FROM HEAT LAMPS FAILING AND CAUSING DRASTIC DAMAGE.

THE MAJOR SHOWS WILL BE STARTING SOON AND ALL THE NIGHTMARES THAT COME WITH THEM. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE PREMIUM BOOKS AND FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE RULES. THIS ALLEVIATES A LOT OF HEATED ARGUMENTS AND HARD FEELINGS, IF YOU ARE AWARE OF WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU. CALL THE SUPERINTENDENTS AND ASK QUESTIONS IF YOU ARE NOT SURE.

TRBA STATE SHOW HAS A NEW DATE THIS YEAR. THE SHOW WILL BE MARCH 21-23, 2025. AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN KILLEEN, IT WAS APPROVED TO BE MOVED THE THIRD WEEKEND IN MARCH OR TO A DATE APPROVED BY THE BOD. THIS WILL ALLOW FOR US TO MOVE THE DATE IF THE NEED ARISES. I FEEL THIS WILL BE A MUCH EASIER WAY TO PLAN FOR SPRING SHOWS. WITH THAT IN MIND, PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP. THIS SHOW IS A MASSIVE UNDERTAKING AND TAKES AN ARMY TO MAKE IT SUCCESSFUL. THERE ARE LOTS OF PLACES THAT WE NEED HELP. JUST ASK AND WE WILL FIND SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO.

THE FINANCIALS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2024 ARE INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE. I AM WORKING ON TRANSFERRING ALL THE FILES TO THE NEW LAPTOP WHICH IS A VERY LONG PROCESS. IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS, JUST LET ME KNOW. HOPE TO SEE ALL YOU SOON AT SOME OF THE SHOWS. PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE LOST LOVED ONES AND PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS THAT KEEP US SAFE.

SEE YA,  
GAY

# TRBA OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS



*Director- Beth Manglberger-Hughes* 

POST HOLIDAY GREETINGS!!!

AS I REFLECT ON LAST YEAR IT BRINGS BACK GREAT MEMORIES OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. IT WAS SO FUN TO VISIT WITH ALL MY TRBA FRIENDS AT ALL OF THE TEXAS SHOWS AND THE STATE SHOW. THIS YEAR I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND NEW ZEALAND NATIONALS RIGHT HERE IN BELTON, TEXAS AND SEE FRIENDS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS MY TEXAS FRIENDS. THAT WAS SO UPLIFTING.

WHEN ARBA CONVENTION TIME ROLLED AROUND, TYLER MANGLBERGER (THE GRANDSON) AND I HOPPED IN MY TRUCK AND OFF WE WENT TO LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. HE IS A GREAT NAVIGATOR AND I CAN JUST KEEP DRIVING AS LONG AS I HAVE PLENTY OF BEEF JERKY TO EAT AND COCA COLA TO DRINK. ONCE WE ARRIVED I SAW MANY FRIENDS THAT I HAD BEEN MISSING FOR YEARS. LET'S ALL CHERISH OUR OWN FAMILIES AND THE RABBIT FAMILY THAT WE HAVE GENERATED OVER POSSIBLY DECADES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE RABBIT HABIT. IF YOU HAVE NOT GONE TO CONVENTION, START MAKING PLANS TO DO SO. IT IS SUCH A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL AND SEE NEW THINGS.

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE TRBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS/OFFICERS FOR ALL THEY DO TO MAKE TRBA A WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION. YOU TRULY DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH WORK THEY PUT INTO THE ORGANIZATION AND SHOWS UNTIL YOU HAVE SERVED ALONG SIDE THEM. IT HAS BEEN VERY EYE-OPENING FOR ME AS I HAVE SERVED AS DIRECTOR. NOW THAT I AM STEPPING DOWN AT THE END OF MY TERM, I HOPE THAT OTHERS WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SET THEIR SITES FOR RUNNING FOR A DIRECTOR'S POSITION. WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A YOUTH BOARD HOPEFULLY THERE WILL BE MANY YOUNG HANDS LEARNING THE ROPES OF WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE THIS ORGANIZATION WORK.

AS THE SPRING SHOW SEASON APPROACHES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH ALL THE DATES FOR SHOWS. DON'T FORGET THAT THE STATE SHOW HAS CHANGED TO A PERMANENT DATE IN MARCH. THAT SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR ALL OF US TO REMEMBER. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN.

BETH MANGLBERGER

# TRBA OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS



## *Director Amy Mersiousky*

HAPPY 2025! ON THAT NOTE, IT IS TIME TO PLAN FOR THE TRBA STATE SHOW IN MARCH. IN ADDITION, THE TRBA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE ON FEBRUARY 1. IF YOU ARE A HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR OR CONTINUING COLLEGE STUDENT, PLEASE REVIEW THE RULES AND APPLY! THE APPLICATION AND RULES CAN BE FOUND ON THE TRBA.NET WEBSITE YOUTH TAB. ONCE THE APPLICATION IS COMPLETED, PLEASE EMAIL IT AND THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO TRBASCHOLARSHIP@GMAIL.COM. THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED AT THE STATE SHOW BANQUET.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND ASSISTED WITH THE DECEMBER SHOW. WE HAD A HUGE ENTRY AND BEAUTIFUL ANIMALS SHOWN. RONI NAIL AND I HAVE VOICED OUR DISPLEASURE OVER THE HOLES IN THE ROOF WITH THE CITY OF KILLEEN.

IT'S COUNTY FAIR SEASON. UNFORTUNATELY, I AM ALREADY HEARING OF OUR YOUTH BEING SOLD INFERIOR QUALITY AND SICK ANIMALS. I PRAY THESE KIDS HAVE NOT BOUGHT THESE ANIMALS FROM OUR MEMBERS. AS MANY OF YOU REALIZE, MOST OF OUR YOUTH HAVE PARENTS WHO GREW UP IN OUR SYSTEM OF SHOWING. MOST OF US OPEN BREEDERS GREW UP SHOWING. WE NEED OUR YOUTH NURTURED AND NOT SCAMMED TO CONTINUE OUR HOBBY. IN ADDITION, I HAVE HEARD OF YOUTHS BEING VICTIMS OF UNQUALIFIED JUDGES. FROM DISQUALIFYING A BROKEN PATTERNED NEW ZEALAND MEAT PEN FOR NOT HAVING COMPLETE NOSE SPOTS TO PLACING A QUALITY CALIFORNIAN PEN WITH LIGHTER MARKINGS NEAR LAST, THESE EXPERIENCES HAVE HAD A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR YOUTH. WE ARE THE EXPERTS AND MUST WORK WITH OUR COUNTY FAIRS TO HELP THEM RECRUIT QUALIFIED JUDGES. ARBA JUDGES, REGISTRARS, AND EXPERIENCED BREEDERS ARE READY AND WILLING TO HELP THESE FAIRS.

# TRBA OFFICER AND DIRECTOR REPORTS



*Director- Eric Breanna - "EB"*  
*No report at this time*



*Director- Leanna Herzog*  
*No report at this time*



*Director- Hugh Bolton*  
*No report at this time*



# CHECK IT OUT



## Save The TRBA Dates:

12/6-7/2024-Fall Show in Killeen

12/31/2024 Breeder of the Year Nominations Due

2/1/2025-Youth Scholarship Apps Due

3/21-23/2025-State Show in BELton

8/29-30/2025-Cajuns & Cowboys in Longview

for more info go to [TRBA.net](http://TRBA.net)





# TRBA FINANCIALS

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	A	B	C	D
1		<b>2024 3RD QUARTER TRBA</b>		
2		<b>Income</b>		
3		Coop Rental	1,860.00	
4		Affiliation Fees	10.00	
5		Membership Dues	161.00	
6		Rabbitry/Caviary Registrations	30.69	
7		Sanction Fees	245.00	
8		Show Fees	2,738.65	
9		MEMBERSHIP ONLINE	1,705.46	
10		COWBOYS/CAJUNS ENTRY	21,971.27	
11		RAFFLE	941.00	
12		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>29,663.07</b>	
13		<b>Expense</b>		
14		<b>Contract Services</b>		
15		License & permits	568.97	
16		ONLINE MEMBERSHIP FEES	2.60	
17		Equip Rental and Maintenance	1,070.00	
18		Show Insurance	119.92	
19		Insurance - Liability, D and O - Other	791.92	
20		<b>LONGVIEW SHOW EXP</b>		
21		AWARDS	1,012.00	
22		BLDG RENT	2,299.20	
23		BREED SANCTIONS	29.49	
24		CC SUPPLIES	964.34	
25		JUDGE FEE	5,824.00	
26		TRAVEL	4,949.52	
27		Office Supplies	182.14	
28		Postage, Mailing Secretary	62.34	
29		PROCESSING FEE	553.80	
30		State Show Rent	7,100.00	
31		Pointskeeper Fee	410.07	
32		News Editor Fee	225.00	
33		Scholarship	2,250.00	
34		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>28,415.31</b>	
35			1,247.76	
36		<b>NET PROFIT</b>	<b>1,247.76</b>	
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# TRBA SCHOLARSHIP



Apply for 2025

## SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a high school senior or college student?

Apply for the TRBA scholarship by February 1.

Application at [TRBA.net](https://trba.net)

TEXAS RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND OPERATING PROCEDURES  
Scholarship Fund created by membership 7/94; Rev 7/09; Rev 10/22; Rev 4/23

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FUND – BULK ACCOUNT

1. The TRBA will maintain a Scholarship Fund (Bulk Account) to award scholarships at the annual membership meeting each year. The funds must be used for scholarship purposes. A maximum of five (5) scholarships may be awarded if the eligible applicants are found deserving.
2. Monies for the fund will be procured from donations, raffles, auctions, shows and other activities so designated. Interest and other income derived may also be allowed to remain in the Bulk Account provided the cap is not exceeded.
3. The President, Vice-President, **Secretary and Treasurer** will maintain the Bulk Account in a CD or other income-producing account.
4. The Bulk Account will not exceed a \$25,000 cap upon renewals or other movements of funds.
5. All monies exceeding \$15,000 will be placed in the Scholarship Award Fund (Checking Account).

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FUND – CHECKING ACCOUNT

1. A separate interest-bearing account will be established and maintained by the President, Vice-President, **Secretary and Treasurer**. The purpose of this account is to hold those funds received by the TRBA and designated for the Scholarship Fund. This includes donations, raffles, shows, auctions, and other related activities so designated. All income derived from the Bulk Account may also be placed in this account. The funds must be used for scholarship purposes.
2. The President will appoint a Scholarship Awards Committee to perform the task of reviewing and selecting qualified TRBA members who apply for scholarships. All monies in this account may be used for scholarship awards up to a maximum of five (5) total. All excess monies over \$3,750 left in the account after the payment of scholarships will be transferred to the Bulk Account upon renewal.
3. Each TRBA member selected to be awarded will receive a \$750.00 scholarship. **Fifty percent (50%) will be issued for the fall semester and fifty percent (50%) for the spring semester of the award school year as a full-time student.** The awardees must provide satisfactory proof of enrollment for issuance of the scholarship money. The TRBA Scholarship is to be **issued to the student** and used for college or vocational training **and expenses.**

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 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 cavyies 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. **Recipients will provide the TRBA Secretary will proof of graduation by submitting an official final transcript.**
3. **In addition,** the recipient will provide proof of enrollment at an institution of higher education prior to the award being paid.

### Changes/considerations:

- ☐ Updated "Secretary/Treasurer" to "Secretary and Treasurer"
- ☐ Submit one payment to align with fiscal year at recommendation of Audit Committee.
- ☐ Added "issued to student" and "for expenses" – it was implied but not explicit.
- ☐ Home schooled Notarized transcript requirement was removed in 2018, per Kenny.
- ☐ Reworded the requirements about typing.
- ☐ Does BOD approve the list, or just the committee? If BOD, need to add #1 under awards.
- ☐ Do we need proof of graduation AND proof of enrollment? Proof of enrollment should suffice.



**DRAFT TEXAS RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION RUBRIC Rev 10/22; 4/23**

Application Requirements (If any requirement is marked no, please stop grading.)		
	Yes	No
1 Application was received on or before the established due date. Applicant has been a TRBA member		
2 in good standing for at least 3 years. Applicant is no older than 23 years and has graduated from high		
3 school in the past 5 years. Applicant has maintained at least a "C" grade point average (2.0 on 4.0		
4 system). The applicant submitted any combination of four (4) letters of recommendation from		
5 teachers, Extension Agents/4-H leaders, employers, and/or adult TRBA members in good standing.		
6 No letters of recommendation from TRBA Officers, Directors, Scholarship Awards Committee		
7 members, parents, relatives, or tutors.		
8 Applicant submitted official transcript.		
9 One head shot photograph submitted.		
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Application Evaluation			
Application Component	Exceeds (6 - 10 points)	Meets (1 - 5 points)	Does Not Meet (0 points)
Part 1-Applicant provides a list of breeds raised and club membership.	Rabbit/cavy breeder depth is well-developed. Club memberships indicate breed promotion and active participation.	Rabbit/cavy breeder depth is developing. Some or minimal rabbit club participation.	Rabbit/cavy breeder depth is minimal or lacking. No club membership or participation indicated.
Part 2 Question #1 Offices, committees in rabbit/cavy organizations in past 3 years.	Applicant demonstrates extensive participation and leadership activities in past 3 years.	Applicant demonstrates some participation and leadership activities in past 3 years.	Applicant does not demonstrate participation or leadership activities in past 3 years.
Part 2 Question #2 The applicant lists important awards earned from participating in the rabbit/cavy project in the past three years.	Awards demonstrate an extensive variety of success with showing rabbits/cavies. Awards indicate applicant has developed extensive rabbit/cavy knowledge and growth over past 3 years.	Awards demonstrate a variety of success with showing rabbits/cavies. Awards indicate applicant has developed rabbit/cavy knowledge and growth over past 3 years.	Few or no awards are listed. Applicant is unable to demonstrate a variety of success with showing rabbits/cavies or the development of knowledge and growth over the past 3 years.
Part 2 Question #3 The applicant describes leadership in other agricultural related groups, civic projects, and school activities.	The applicant has extensive leadership in other agricultural related groups, civic projects, and school activities.	The applicant describes leadership in other agricultural related groups, civic projects, and school activities.	The applicant has not adequately described leadership in other agricultural related groups, civic projects, and school activities.
Part 2 Question #4 The applicant has promoted the rabbit/cavy project in the past 3 years.	The applicant has extensively promoted the rabbit/cavy project in the past 3 years.	The applicant has promoted the rabbit/cavy project in the past 3 years.	The applicant has not adequately promoted the rabbit/cavy project in the past 3 years.
Part 2 Question #5 The applicant has taught others new skills to increase knowledge of rabbits/cavies in the past 3 years.	The applicant has extensively taught others new skills to increase knowledge of rabbits/cavies in the past 3 years.	The applicant has taught others new skills to increase knowledge of rabbits/cavies in the past 3 years.	The applicant has not taught others new skills to increase knowledge of rabbits/cavies in the past 3 years.

Part 2 Question #6 The applicant has promoted the TRBA in the past 3 years.	The applicant has promoted the TRBA extensively in the past 3 years.	The applicant has promoted the TRBA in the past 3 years.	The applicant has not promoted the TRBA in the past 3 years.
Part 2 Question #7 The applicant has gained benefits from TRBA and related rabbit/cavy organization participation.	The applicant has gained extensive benefits from TRBA and related rabbit/cavy organization participation.	The applicant has gained some benefits from TRBA and related rabbit/cavy organization participation.	The applicant has gained few or no benefits from TRBA and related rabbit/cavy organization participation.
Part 2 Question #8 The applicant explains their involvement in TRBA.	The applicant demonstrates extensive involvement in TRBA.	The applicant demonstrates average involvement in TRBA.	The applicant's involvement in TRBA is minimal or nonexistent.

Essay Evaluation			
Conventions	Exceeds (6 - 10 points)	Meets (1 - 5 points)	Does Not Meet (0 points)
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 submitted in PDF or Word format.	The essay meets all of the requirements for word count, font and format. Minimal or no grammar or punctuation errors.	The essay meets most of the requirements for word count, font and format. Grammar and/or punctuation errors are present but do not detract from the message of the essay.	The essay does not meet the requirements for word count, font and format. Grammar and/or punctuation errors are extensive and detract from the message of the essay.

Organization and Development of Ideas	Exceeds (26 - 50 points)	Meets (10 - 25 points)	Minimal (1 – 9 points)	Does Not Meet (0 points)
The essay answers the question of “How has raising and showing rabbits and/or cavy played a role in your development as a leader? How will this development benefit your future plans and goals?”	The applicant provides extensive explanation of the benefits of their rabbit and/or cavy project on their leadership development, plans, and goals. The essay organized, evidence is well chosen and effective, expression is clear.	The applicant provides adequate explanation of the benefits of their rabbit and/or cavy project on their leadership development, plans, and goals. Organization is limited, expression of ideas is basic.	The applicant provides minimal explanation of the benefits of their rabbit and/or cavy project on their leadership development, plans, and goals. Organization is weak, evidence is insufficient or irrelevant, expression of ideas is ineffective.	The applicant does not provide adequate explanation of the benefits of their rabbit and/or cavy project on their leadership development, plans, and goals. Essay lacks organization or evidence. Expression is unclear.

Scoring Total	
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# TEXAS RBA ROYALTY APPLICATION

STATE SHOW 2025 - Application Deadline February 28

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
City	<input type="text"/>	Zipcode	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>		
TRBA Membership Expiration	<input type="text"/>		
Birthday	<input type="text"/>		
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

NEW  
SUBMISSION  
METHOD  
THIS YEAR

DEADLINE 2/28/2025  
EMAIL IN PDF FORMAT TO:  
YouthCo.TexasRBA@Gmail.com

## 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 22, 2025.**

- 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. Other sizes received or omission will receive a deduction.
- 4.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.



# TEXAS RBA ROYALTY

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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. Explain why you chose each breed. Also 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 April 1, 2024. 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 April 1, 2024. 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 Incomplete application -5 Submitted after deadline -10 Not submitted in pdf format -10



# TEXAS RBA ROYALTY

STATE SHOW 2025 – Application Deadline February 28

## 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 MARGINS:** 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.

**SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS:** Do not send your applications in any format other than PDF. The photo should be a separate attachment.

**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 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.





# TEXAS RBA YOUTH INDIVIDUAL CONTESTS

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED IF NOT IN ROYALTY

Email to: [youthco.texasrba@gmail.com](mailto:youthco.texasrba@gmail.com) by March 14, 2025

## CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Name	<input type="text"/>	Age	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>		
City	<input type="text"/>	Zipcode	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>		
Birthday	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	M	M	D
	D	Y	Y
TRBA Membership Expiration	<input type="text"/>		

Attending  
ARBA  
Convention

## CONTEST SELECTION

Contestants may select any combination of contests for their age division.  
**Age as of March 23, 2025** Awards are provided to the top 3 of each. Royalty contestants are automatically registered for all contests for their division.

### PRE-JUNIOR (8 & UNDER)

<input type="checkbox"/>	TEST	<input type="checkbox"/>	BREED ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	SHOWMANSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/>	QUIZBOWL
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### JUNIOR (9-11)

<input type="checkbox"/>	TEST	<input type="checkbox"/>	BREED ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	SHOWMANSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/>	QUIZBOWL
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### INTERMEDIATE (12-14)

<input type="checkbox"/>	TEST	<input type="checkbox"/>	BREED ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	JUDGING
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### SENIOR (15-18)

<input type="checkbox"/>	TEST	<input type="checkbox"/>	BREED ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	JUDGING
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### CAVY (5-18)

<input type="checkbox"/>	SHOWMANSHIP
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## PARENT VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed in all aspects to host youth contests. If you are able and willing to volunteer during the contests held on Saturday of TRBA State Show, please select your preferences. Please note we will not allow grading of an age division in which you have a youth contestant participating.

NAME	<input type="text"/>	GRADER	<input type="checkbox"/>	SHOWMANSHIP	<input type="checkbox"/>
		BREED ID	<input type="checkbox"/>	TEST MONITOR	<input type="checkbox"/>
EMAIL	<input type="text"/>	JUDGING	<input type="checkbox"/>	WRITER	<input type="checkbox"/>

# TEXAS RBA ROYALTY & YOUTH CONTESTS

Chairman: Jennifer Schimpf  
youthco.texasrba@gmail.com

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must be a current youth member of Texas Rabbit Breeders Association and attend the TRBA State Convention.

## CONTESTS

The following contests are the Saturday of the TRBA State Show in Belton. Applicants can choose to enter Royalty or any combination of Individual Contests available for their age division. Awards provided to the top three for each contest in each age division. There is one royalty winner for each division. There is no cost to participate. However, all contestants must register by the appropriate deadlines. Royalty has an earlier deadline to allow time to score the applications.

## AGE DIVISIONS

Determined by the age on the closing day of the annual TRBA State Show (March 23, 2025)

Male Title	Female Title	Division	Ages
Lord	Lady	Pre-Junior	8 years and under
Prince	Princess	Junior	9-11 years
Duke	Duchess	Intermediate	12-14 years
King	Queen	Senior	15-18 years

**Breed Identification (All ages)** Contestants will identify a number of animals, both rabbits and cavies, listing the complete breed name as printed in the ARBA Standard of Perfection, the showroom variety, whether a 4-class or 6-class breed, and the registration variety of each animal. The ARBA Official Breed ID Guide (found on ARBA website) is used to score.

### Written Test (All ages)

Examination questions will be drawn from the ARBA Official Guidebook to Raising Better Rabbits and Cavies, the ARBA Yearbook, ARBA Standard of Perfection, current issues of the Domestic Rabbit magazine and current issues of the TRBA News. Questions are in multiple choice, true/false, matching, and short-answer formats.

### Quiz Bowl (Pre-Jr & Juniors)

Contestants will participate in a Jeopardy-type competition, demonstrating their rabbit and cavy knowledge.

### Showmanship (Rabbit – Pre-Jr & Juniors, Cavy – All ages)

Contestants will examine and evaluate an animal, telling the judge what they are doing and why as they go along. The ARBA showmanship scorecard will be used.

### Judging (Intermediate & Seniors)

Contestant will place two classes of four animals per class. This may include breeding rabbits, market classes, or cavies.

### Royalty (All ages)

Composite score of application and all age-appropriate contests.

## TEXAS RBA ROYALTY & YOUTH CONTESTS

### DEADLINES

February 28, 2025

Royalty Application **MUST** be EMAILED:

YouthCo.TexasRBA@Gmail.Com

March 14, 2025

Individual Youth Contests Registration (Those not entering royalty)

Youthco.texasrba@gmail.com

TRBA Membership must be **CURRENT**

### SCHEDULE

Saturday March 22

7:15AM            8:15AM

10:30AM Quiz Bowl Arrive for Check-in and announcements

Noon Written Test Begins Showmanship, Breed ID, &  
Hands-on Judging Begins

7:00PM Contests conclude

Be available until 2PM for any tiebreakers

TRBA Banquet – Results & Awards Presented

Note: The superintendent is aware that youth will be participating in contests during the morning and will start the State Show judging with Open rabbit breeds. Be listening and if you need to leave the contests to show, please inform the committee members at each contest area

### STATE TEAMS

The top scoring individuals for Breed ID, Quiz Bowl, and Judging will automatically qualify for the Texas Teams to compete at the ARBA National Convention. The 2025 102nd ARBA Convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 14-19th.

All Texas youth planning to attend the Convention will need to designate in the summer and register for Individual ARBA Youth Contests. From those attending, the teams will be formed in order of the scores from these State contests.

**YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN  
THE TRBA JUDGING AND/OR  
BREED IDENTIFICATION  
CONTESTS TO BE ELIGIBLE  
TO REPRESENT TEXAS AT  
THE ARBA CONVENTION.**

### YOUTH COMMITTEE

Jennifer Schimpf, Chairperson

Angela Bolton, Krecia Ball, Katie Finch,

Suzanne Hemsath, Jennifer Hubbard, Becca Jordan,

Amie Klaus, Shana Moore

### **VOLUNTEERS AND CONTEST ANIMALS ARE NEEDED.**

**IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT Jennifer  
Schimpf at youthco.texasrba@gmail.com**

# Texas Rabbit Breeders Association



## Membership Application

Mail to:

Amber Tondre, TRBA Secretary

P.O. Box 904,

LaCoste, TX 78039

Phone: 210-215-0855 Email: texasrba@yahoo.com

Mark appropriate Membership Below:

Is this a \_\_\_\_ New or \_\_\_\_ Renewal

\_\_\_\_ Adult - \$13.00 per year

\_\_\_\_ Youth - \$13.00 per year. Youth (under 19) must include "Date of Birth" \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Husband/Wife-\$25.00 year

\_\_\_\_ Family - 2 Adults + 1 Youth - \$28/yr, add \$3 year for each additional youth at the same address.

\_\_\_\_ Combo-2 People Same Address-\$25/yr, add \$3/yr for each additional youth at the same address.

I hereby make application for membership in the Texas RBA and agree to abide by its Constitution and By-Laws.

I have enclosed membership fee as checked above.

*List names of all applicants; if applying for youth membership, be sure to include date of birth.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

(List all names applying for membership, and actual birth date if under 19 years of age.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBERS Please provide proof of legal Texas residency on a separate page. Thank you.**

Home Phone # (include area code) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Email addresses are very important to us and will never be given/sold to others!)

**\$10.00 one-time fee for Rabbitry or Caviary Registration Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Per ARBA Rules, all out-of-state applicants **MUST** be a member of a TRBA local club. If out of state, name of TX Club \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended by: \_\_\_\_\_ Only current TRBA Members may participate in membership contest.

Thank You for joining the Texas Rabbit Breeders Assn., Inc.

Sorry we cannot accept credit cards or PayPal at this time. We accept cash, money order or check.

**PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CASH. THANK YOU!**

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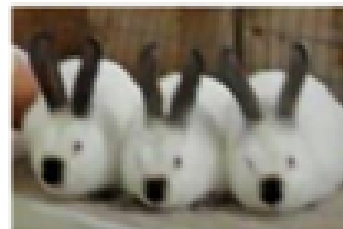
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# TRBA SWEEPSTAKES

Effective 1/1/2024



## Official TRBA Sweepstakes Rules

### Eligibility

To qualify for the TRBA Sweepstakes Contests, exhibitor must be an individual member of the TRBA and live in the State of Texas or adjoining states of New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

A member will receive a 30-day grace period to renew TRBA membership without sweepstakes penalty. If TRBA membership is not renewed within 30 days, any points previously earned will be forfeited. Points will start over on the new date of membership.

### Contest Calculations

The contest will include all TRBA Sanctioned Shows held from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Only shows held in Texas and sanctioned with TRBA will be counted. Points to be figured on basis of Show Secretary's Report as submitted to the TRBA Sweepstakes Chairperson.

Exhibitors will receive points for the categories that are entered. Youth exhibitors will not be able to transfer their Open shows points to the youth totals. The points will be added based on the category (Open or Youth) entered in that show. Points to be tabulated regularly and the top five (5) of each breed to be published in the TRBA Newsletter.

Points to be counted only as follows based on class placements. There are no points awarded for specials earned (BIS, BOB, BOG, BOV, etc). Points stay within the breed contest. No overall standings contest.

- 1st place receives 6 times the number in class.
- 2nd place receives 4 times the number in class.
- 3rd place receives 3 times the number in class.
- 4th place receives 2 times the number in class.
- 5th place receives 1 time the number in class.

### Awards

Sweepstakes Awards are to be bought by the TRBA by utilizing the 25% show tax funds collected from the hosting clubs. The following minimum requirements must be met to be eligible for a breed sweepstakes award. The Sweepstakes awards will be presented at the Annual State Show Banquet.

#### ***Rabbits***

400+ points	5 TRBA Sanctioned Shows	1 <sup>st</sup> place & 2 <sup>nd</sup> place breed award
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#### ***Cavies***

250+ points	3 TRBA Sanctioned Shows	1 <sup>st</sup> place & 2 <sup>nd</sup> place breed award
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# 2024 TEXAS RBA SWEEPSTAKES

*Coming  
Soon*

Draft final sweepstakes standings  
for 2024 is in progress.  
Currently pending technical challenges  
regarding Easy2Show reports for the  
last shows of the year.  
Update will be posted as soon as possible.  
Thank-you for your patience & understanding.







