



TEXAS RBA ROYALTY APPLICATION

STATE SHOW 2026 – Application Deadline February 25

REGISTRATION FORM

Name

Address

City **Zipcode**

Email

TRBA Membership Expiration

Birthday

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 |



DEADLINE 2/25/2026
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 21, 2026.**

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 photo attachment of yourself. 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

STATE SHOW 2026 – Application Deadline February 25

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, 2025. 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, 2025. 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 2026 – Application Deadline February 25

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 MARGINGS: 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 by March 12, 2026

CONTESTANT INFORMATION

Name **Age**

Address

City **Zipcode**

Email

Birthday **Attending ARBA Convention**

M M D D Y Y

TRBA Membership Expiration

CONTEST SELECTION

Contestants may select any combination of contests for their age division. **Age as of March 22, 2026** Awards are provided to the top 3 of each. Royalty contestants are automatically registered for all contests for their division.

PRE-JUNIOR (8 & UNDER)

TEST BREED ID SHOWMANSHIP QUIZBOWL

JUNIOR (9-11)

TEST BREED ID SHOWMANSHIP QUIZBOWL

INTERMEDIATE (12-14)

TEST BREED ID JUDGING

SENIOR (15-18)

TEST BREED ID JUDGING

CAVY (5-18)

SHOWMANSHIP

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

EMAIL

GRADER **SHOWMANSHIP**

BREED ID **TEST MONITOR**

JUDGING **WRITER**

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 22, 2026)

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 25, 2026

Royalty Application MUST be EMAILED:
YouthCo.TexasRBA@Gmail.Com

March 12, 2026

Individual Youth Contests Registration (Those not entering royalty)
Youthco.texasrba@gmail.com
TRBA Membership must be CURRENT

SCHEDULE

Saturday March 21

7:15AM Arrive for Check-in and announcements
Written Test Begins

8:15AM Showmanship, Breed ID, & Hands-on Judging Begins

10:30AM Quiz Bowl

Noon Contests conclude

Be available until 2PM for any tiebreakers

7:00PM 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 2026 103rd ARBA Convention will be in Reno, Nevada on October 23-28th.

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, Katie Finch, Suzanne Hemsath,
Jennifer Hubbard, Jessica Head, Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS AND CONTEST ANIMALS ARE NEEDED.

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