



# AMERICAN RABBIT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Devoted to the Interest of Rabbit Raising for Fancy and Commercial  
Parent Body of All Chartered Local and Specialty Clubs / One National Judging and Registration System  
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## ARBA 2012 NATIONAL CONTESTS ENTRY FORM

ARBA # \_\_\_\_\_ ARBA District \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Age on 10/31/12 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact #1

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contact #2

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Royalty Contest

Boys  Girls

### Achievement Contest

Based on Contestant Age

### Management Contest

Limited Rabbitry  Average Rabbitry  Unlimited Rabbitry  Cavity

### Individual Contests

Breed ID  Skill-a-Thon/Showmanship/Judging(age appropriate)

### Educational Contests (three age divisions in each category)

- Art - Drawing  Art - Painting  Art - Sculpture or Carving
- Crafts - Ceramics or Pottery  Crafts - Handmade Jewelry  Crafts - Clothing (made by the exhibitor)
- Crafts - Latch Hook  Crafts - Needlework  Crafts - Puppet or Stuffed Animal
- Crafts - Stenciled Item  Crafts - Wearable Art  Crafts - Any Other Craft
- Creative Writing - Poem  Creative Writing - Short Story  Educational Poster
- Educational Display  Educational Game  Photography - Single Photo - Black & White
- Photography - Single Photo - Color  Photography - Photo Series  Woodworking and Metalworking - Decorative
- Woodworking and Metalworking - Rabbit or Cavy Equipment

PUBLICITY RELEASE - I authorize the ARBA or their assignees to record and photograph my image and/or voice (or that of my child, if under 18) for use in ARBA educational and promotional programs. I also recognize that these audio, video and image recordings are the property of the American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.  Yes  No

Youth MUST have parental permission to participate in these contests. Further, by signing this form below, both parents and participants are confirming that you agree to the following statement:

I(we) understand participants will be minimally supervised and that contest participants may be handling live animals. If serious illness or injury develops attempts will be made to contact the listed emergency contacts. I(we) have read and understand the ARBA Youth Department Code of Conduct and Publicity Release. I(we) hereby release American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc., and their agents, officers and employees, from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind, including claims of negligence, which may arise from participation in any ARBA Youth Department sponsored activity and contest.

Contestant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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## ARBA APPLICATION TIPS

### PURPOSE

Many of the National Youth Contests of the American Rabbit Breeders Association are application based. 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.

### BASIC FORMATTING CONVENTIONS

These tips are to help you navigate the requirements of proper formatting. These contests have both a word limit and a page limit. Readability is very important!

- 1 Font faces: The two most popular (and readable) fonts are *Times New Roman* and *Arial*. Using one of these will help make the application more readable.
- 2 Font size: Business standards, as well as these contests, use 10-point or 12-point type.
- 3 Page Margins: Margins should be between ½inch and 1½inches, with the most common size being 1 inch.
- 4 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.

### OTHER TIPS FOR A GOOD APPLICATION

- 5 Make sure you answer the question asked! You can talk about other things as well, but the most common error is not answering the question asked.
- 6 Pay attention to deadlines. Late applications will sabotage your effort.
- 7 Make sure you copy the question above your answer.
- 8 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.**
- 9 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.
- 10 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.
- 11 **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.
- 12 Put your name on EVERY PAGE of your application.