

Educational Research and Development Foundation of

**Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative, Inc., Application for Membership**

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(Applicant's Name)

(Telephone)

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(Number & Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

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(Email Address)

(ECBC Branch Affiliated With)

**Membership Type**

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**Commercial/Professional Membership** Must be a progressive member for 3 years. Must be sponsored by a branch and approved by the national board. Full voting member. Ability to hold branch and national office. Receives monthly magazine. Ability to show at all shows. Attend all educational seminars and meetings. Receives membership discounts on supplies. Access all educational material from ECBC website – fee based.

\$45.00\* USD

**Progressive Membership** Ability to show at all shows. Receives monthly magazine. Attend all educational seminars and meetings. Cannot hold office at branch or national level. No voting privileges. Must be a progressive members for 3 years and then be sponsored by a branch to move up to Commercial/Professional – with approval of national board (If not accepted on first application, you can reapply after 2 years). Receives membership discount on supplies from the National Office. Access all educational material from ECBC website – fee based.

\$25.00\* USD

**4-H/FFA Membership** Must be a 4-H or FFA member and sponsored by a branch. Ability to show in all shows. Receives monthly magazine. Attend all educational seminars and meetings. Cannot hold office at branch or national level. No voting privileges. Receives membership discount on supplies from the National Office. Access all educational material from ECBC website – fee based.

\$15.00\* USD

**Associate Membership** Must be spouse or partner of Commercial/Professional member in good standing. Voting member. May hold office at branch level. No magazine. Receives membership discount on supplies. Access all educational material from ECBC website – fee based.

\$5.00\* USD

**\*Brand/Identification Registration** Members who want to show their animals must register a brand. Please indicate your brand preference using a combination of 3 or 4 capital letters or numbers (the number 1 and letters, I, O and Q are excluded. You may use a – or / in place of a number or letter. A brand is required to enter.

Brand 1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative**  
**CODE OF ETHICS**

The Code of Ethics, formulated by the National Board of Directors and adopted by the membership, constitutes the guidelines of conduct for all members of the Cooperative. In applying for membership, and with my signature hereunder attached as provided, I subscribe to the full compliance of this code.

- ❖ Do not orally or in writing do anything to bring Empress Chinchilla or the fur industry into disrepute.
- ❖ Do not misrepresent or exaggerate the quality or other characteristics of an animal or its offspring or any product.
- ❖ Do not represent that any animal is free from ailments, condition or habit from which freedom cannot be definitely assured, and made the basis for a written representation.
- ❖ Do not offer a buy-back guarantee as a sales inducement.
- ❖ Do not support a system, program or policy in conflict with Empress.
- ❖ Do accept the rights of others to ranch chinchilla for fur production. Humane methods must be used in all aspects of ranching.
- ❖ Any user of the internet or other media **MUST** refrain from slanderous remarks towards any breeder, rancher, individual or organization – doing so, they may have their membership terminated.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I hereby represent that I am a producer of chinchilla, or the products thereof, and as such hereby apply for membership in the Education, Research and Development Foundation of Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative, Inc., and agree to the following conditions:

- ❖ To abide by the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Cooperative.
- ❖ To abide by the Code of Ethics of the Cooperative.
- ❖ To pay the annual fee, according to the membership classification provided hereunder and set by the national Board of Directors, herewith enclosed.
- ❖ Membership will be represented by only one person.
- ❖ I certify that I am not a member of, employee of, investigator for, or paid by any animal rights organization.
- ❖ I accept the rights of any member to ranch chinchilla for fur production.
- ❖ I understand Empress is organized and shall be operated on a cooperative basis to educate ranchers, and to promote, encourage, foster and facilitate the economical, efficient and orderly raising and breeding of chinchilla for the purpose of production and processing of chinchilla fur.
- ❖ If I can no longer support the goals and purposes of this organization, I will voluntarily withdraw my membership. If my membership in Empress is terminated by the Board of Directors, I will not challenge the termination.

**(To be completed by applicant)** Under penalty of perjury, I hereby agree to abide by all conditions, code of ethics and affidavit requirements to become a member of Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative, Inc.

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(Signature)

(Date)

For mail in application: Complete pages 1 & 2, enclose a check and mail to address below.

For online application: Complete online application, download and sign Affidavit page, complete payment via PayPal or enclose a check and mail to: **Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative, Inc., 43188 Cottonwood Creek Rd, Crawford, CO 81415**