

Educational Research and Development Foundation of  
Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative, Inc.

**Application for Membership**

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 1 MEMBERSHIP TYPE (please check one)**

- \$75.00 Full Membership with hard copy Magazine** Full voting privileges. Ability to hold branch and national offices. Receives hard copy of the monthly magazine. Ability to show at all shows. Receives membership discounts on supplies and at Empress events.
- \$45.00 Full Membership with Electronic Magazine** and hard copy of the June show issue. Full voting privileges. Ability to hold branch and national offices. Ability to show at all shows. Receives membership discounts on supplies and at Empress events.
- \$15.00 Associate Membership** Ability to show at all shows. Must be a spouse or partner of full member. Receives discounts on all educational seminars and meetings. May hold office at branch level. Does not receive a magazine.
- \$45.00 International Membership Receives electronic magazine.** Due to the rising costs of international mail, our international members will receive the monthly magazine by electronic copy only.
- \$25.00 4-H Membership** Must be a 4-H or FFA member and sponsored by a by a branch. Has ability to show in all shows. Receives an electronic version of the monthly magazine. Cannot hold office at branch or national level. Has no voting privileges. Receives membership discount on supplies and at Empress events.

**STEP 2 BRAND REGISTRATION – if you intend to show animals you MUST register a brand**

- \$20 Brand Identification Registration.** Members who want to show their animals must register a brand. Please indicate your brand preference using a combination of three or four capitol letters or numbers (the number 1 and the letters I, O and Q are excluded). You may use a “\_” or “/” in place of a number or letter. You will receive a certificate with your assigned brand.

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

**STEP 3 Please read ECBC 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 here-under 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 it's offspring, or any product
- Do not represent that any animal is free from ailments, conditions, or habits from which freedom cannot be definitely assured, and made the basis for a written representation
- Do not offer a buy-back incentive 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 social media or cell phone must refrain from slanderous remarks toward any breeder or Empress

**STEP 4 Please read and sign Affidavit**

I hereby represent that I am a producer of chinchilla, or the products thereof, and as such hereby apply for membership in the Educational, 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 Cooperation
- ❖ To abide by the Code of Ethics of the Cooperative
- ❖ To pay the annual fee, according to the membership classification provided 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, 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 the conditions, the Code of Ethics, and Affidavit requirements to become a member of Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative, Inc

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete, sign, enclose a check for the designated amount and send to ECBC 514 Americas Way #11280, Box Elder, SD 57719