

# Young Speakers for Agriculture Contest

- Event to be held at the Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show.
- Pre-registration is required. See How to Register below.

## ELIGIBILITY

- A. To be eligible to compete an individual must be:
  1. Between 11-15 years of age for the **Junior Competition**.
  2. Between 16-24 years of age for the **Senior Competition**.
- B. On date of competition, verification of age will be required upon registration and each contestant must sign the Speaker's Certification of Eligibility and Originality.
- C. Each contestant must be present to compete. Participation by audio and video tape and teleconference is not permitted.

## SPEECH SUBJECT AND PREPARATION

- A. Subject for the prepared speech shall be selected by the contestant from the following options:
  1. Behind the scenes: The unsung heroes of Canadian agriculture.
  2. Changes I would make as the Federal Minister of Agriculture for a day.
  3. How Canadian agriculture is being affected by the global economic downturn.
  4. Why I want to make my career in agriculture.
  5. Farming the future: Taking agriculture into the 21st century.
- B. Contestants must prepare their own **five to seven minute** speech, which must be substantially original. Any quoted material must be so identified during the speech presentation.
- C. Speeches will be judged on:
  - a. Delivery – 35%
  - b. Content – 35%
  - c. Organization – 15%
  - d. Ability to stay within the required length of time – 15%
- D. General Procedure
  - a. All judges will judge all contestants.
  - b. Before the contest, contestants have the opportunity to be briefed on the rules, by the contest chairman. Contestants will draw for their speaking position with the contest chairman.
  - c. Contestants may remain in the same room throughout the duration of the contest.
  - d. Contestants may use a flip chart, props or appropriate posters to illustrate their speech. However, slides, films, videos or overhead projectors will not be allowed.
  - e. All contestants will speak from the same platform or designated area. Contestants are responsible for arranging their preferred setup of the lectern/podium microphone and other equipment in a quiet manner before being introduced.
- E. Timing of the Speeches
  - a. Speeches will be five to seven minutes. Points will be deducted if the speech is less than four minutes 30 seconds or more than seven minutes 30 seconds.

- b. Upon being introduced, the contestant shall proceed to the speaking position. Timing will begin with the contestant's first definite verbal or nonverbal communication with the audience.
- c. Timers shall provide warning signals to the contestants, which shall be clearly visible to the speakers, but not obvious to the audience.

#### HOW TO REGISTER

- A. The number of competitors is limited; registration will be on a first served basis.
- B. Registrations are to be received on or before **Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm**
  - a. Entry fee is free
  - b. Competitors will receive fair entry tickets and an information package when registering
  - c. Registration packages can be picked up at the at the Norfolk County Fair Board Office 172 South Drive, Simcoe, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs Simcoe Resource Centre 1283 Blueline Rd. or by contacting committee members: Nick Kinkel 519-426-5191, Rachel Riddle 519-426-7127 ext 330 or Karen Matthews 519-426-7280 ext 228
  - d. On the evening of the event contestants are required to 'check-in' (signs will provide direction). At this time a presentation order will be assigned.

#### AWARD DETAILS

- A. The winner of the **Junior Competition** will receive:
  - a. Cash prize of \$300 and,
  - b. Prepaid entry as a competitor in the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Royal Winter Fair.
- B. The winner of the **Senior Competition** will receive:
  - a. Cash prize of \$500 and,
  - b. Prepaid entry as a competitor in the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Royal Winter Fair.

**Best Wishes and Have Fun!**

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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