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# 2022 CANADIAN YOUNG SPEAKERS FOR AGRICULTURE COMPETITION



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## COMPETITION INFORMATION

**Entry Closing:** Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Entry Fee:** \$20 — Junior (*Refer to Rule #2*)  
\$40 — Senior

Applications for the 2022 competition can be completed online through the website at [cysa-joca.ca](http://cysa-joca.ca)

NOTE: Late entries will be accepted until Friday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with an additional fee of \$40.

### SENIORS

**Date:** Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Location:** Presentation Theatre

### JUNIORS

**Date:** Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Location:** Salon 108 A & B  
*Adjacent to Theatre*

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. CYSA is a national competition, open to all Canadian residents between the ages of 11 and 24 years as of the date of competition. There is both a Junior and a Senior competition. The age limits are as follows:

Junior: Ages 11 to 15 (as of the date of competition)

Senior: Ages 16 to 24 (as of the date of competition)

**\*\*INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS:** International applications are accepted as long as competition age limits are respected, proof of age requirements are met, application fees (in CDN currency) are paid in full before the competition, and all other current CYSA rules and regulations are fully met. Applicants are responsible for any travel and associated fees to and from the competition outside of competition day shuttle bus services. Applicants can apply for accommodation assistance (provided in CDN currency) and will receive assistance only upon receipt of proof of stay from the host hotel. Please read carefully through the rest of the rules and regulations below.

2. Applications for the 2022 competition can be completed online through the website at [cysa-joca.ca](http://cysa-joca.ca) or in writing to:

Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture Inc.  
Box 25015, Stone Road Mall, Postal Outlet  
370 Stone Road West, Unit 17  
Guelph, Ontario N1G 2X0

3. This year, the competition will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Applications will be date stamped upon arrival and must be received no later than midnight September 30, 2022. Applications must be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee. Cheques should be made payable to "Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture Inc." Faxes are accepted, but a cheque, cash, or credit card payment via PayPal must be received before your application will be confirmed.
4. There will be no refunds for cancellations after Thursday, October 6, 2022. Contestants are not allowed to 'transfer' registrations between competitors if, for

whatever reason, they cannot participate in the competition but have already registered. All applications will be confirmed by e-mail and/or telephone after the registration deadline of September 30. After the application deadline (Sept. 30) late applications will be accepted until October 6, 2022 at the additional cost of \$40 (Junior: \$20 application fee + \$40 late fee = \$60; Senior: \$40 application fee + \$40 late fee = \$80).

5. Competitors are responsible for their own travel and accommodation. CYSA Inc. will only provide accommodation reimbursement to participants if they present their speech on competition day and only if they stay at the host hotel on either the Friday and/or Saturday evening. A total of two nights' (only Friday and/or Saturday) accommodation is allowable for reimbursement. Any other requests for accommodation reimbursement are not eligible. To ensure reimbursement of hotel costs, all expense receipts must be received by the CYSA Registrar/Treasurer within 30 days of the competition date. No claims received past this date will be reimbursed. You must include official, original receipts when submitting your claim. There is a maximum rate at which CYSA will reimburse competitors as a discounted rate is negotiated between CYSA and the official host hotel:

Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton, Toronto Airport  
3279 Caroga Drive, Mississauga, ON  
(905) 671-4730

6. Any previous first place winners of the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture competition are not eligible to participate in subsequent CYSA competitions. (Exception: Junior winner can compete in Senior competition.)
7. Prior to competition day, proof of age will be required (birth certificate or passport), sent to the CYSA Registrar, Anne McGee.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

8. Competitors agree to be photographed, video recorded and/or quoted for promotional purposes throughout the current year and succeeding years. They furthermore agree that video submissions will become the property of CYSA Inc.
9. Speeches may be delivered in either of Canada's official languages, English or French.
10. Each competitor will present a timed 5 to 7 minute prepared speech on a current issue (approved CYSA list of topics for the current year) pertaining to Canada's agriculture and agri-food industries.
11. Competitors will be scored on 120 points: 60 points for presentation and 60 points for content. See the links below for copies of judging scorecards.
12. There will be strict enforcement of the 5-7 minute time frame. Competitors will be penalized for being over/ under the established time frame. Time deductions are as follows:  
Over 7 minutes/under 5 minutes – Point Deduction  
1 to 10 seconds – 2 points  
11 to 20 seconds – 5 points  
More than 20 seconds – 15 points
13. Competitors in both the Junior and Senior competitions are not permitted to use the emcee podium, but can use the microphone/music stand provided at the front of the auditorium. Failure to do so will disqualify the participant. Participants can choose to use the microphone provided in the middle of the room or to speak freely without the microphone.
14. Competitors are permitted to use flip charts or appropriate posters to illustrate their speech. Slides, films, videos or overhead projectors are not permitted.
15. The decisions of the judges will be final in all instances. Copies of the official judging scorecards will be destroyed immediately following the competition.
16. Judges will select six (6) speakers from preliminary rounds to compete in the finals. If numbers do not justify a preliminary round for the age group (in the opinion of the CYSA board), it will be eliminated and competitors will compete only once.
17. Cash prizes are as follows:

PRIZE MONEY		
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
\$350	\$150	\$75
18. Should the rules be reproduced by a third party for promotional or other uses, it is to be noted that the rules as defined in the CYSA Inc. board records for the current year in question will prevail in all and any circumstances.
19. Should any issue or concern arise at any time during the competition, the President and the Board Chair will review the matter and their decision will be final in all instances.
20. It is expected that competitors will conduct themselves professionally and appropriately at all times when representing the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture competition and its sponsors. As with all youth activities, 100% participation is expected from each participant.

\* Please refer to [www.cysa-joca.ca](http://www.cysa-joca.ca) for official rules and regulations

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