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YOUNG  
SPEAKERS  
FOR  
AGRICULTURE  
COMPETITION



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## COMPETITION INFORMATION

**Entry Closing Date:** Monday, September 30, 2019  
**Entry Fee:** \$20 — Junior (Refer to Rule #2)  
\$40 — Senior  
**Note:** Late entries will be accepted until Friday October 11, 2019 with an additional fee of \$20

### SENIORS

**Date:** Saturday November 2, 2019  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Location:** Presentation Theatre

### JUNIORS

**Date:** Saturday November 2, 2019  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Location:** Salon 108 A & B – Adjacent to Theatre

## OFFICIAL 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)
2. Applications 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  
 Applications will be date stamped upon arrival and must be received no later than midnight **September 30, 2019**. 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.  
 There will be no refunds for cancellation after **Sunday, October 6, 2019**. 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**.
3. 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.)
4. On the day of competition, proof of age will be required (birth certificate or passport) upon registration.
5. Competitors agree to be photographed, taped and/or quoted for promotional purposes throughout the current year and succeeding years.
6. Each province has a reserve allotment of three (3) participants for each age category (junior and senior). When a provincial allotment has been filled, all additional entries will be placed on a master waiting list in the order received. In the event that a province does not fill their allotment, the Board will fill the competition from the master waiting list based on the order in which registrations were received.
7. 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
8. All competitors (Juniors and Seniors) will speak on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Both Junior and Senior competitions will commence at 9:00 a.m. There will be no designated order of speaking. Senior participants will be divided into two heats; Junior participants will speak in the order assigned to them upon registration.
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 pertaining to Canada’s agriculture and agri-food industries.
11. 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.

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



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12. Competitors are permitted to use flip charts or appropriate posters to illustrate their speech. Slides, films, videos or overhead projectors are not permitted.
13. Competitors will be scored on 120 points: 60 points for presentation and 60 points for content. To view a copy of the scoresheets judges will be using on competition day, visit [www.cysa-joca.ca/competition-rules](http://www.cysa-joca.ca/competition-rules)
14. 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:

<u>Over 7 minutes/under 5 minutes</u>	<u>Point Deduction</u>
1 to 10 seconds	2 points
11 to 20 seconds	5 points
More than 20 seconds	15 points

15. 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.
16. The decisions of the judges will be final in all instances. Copies of the official judging scorecards will be destroyed immediately following the competition.
17. Cash prizes are generously provided as follows:

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>
Seniors	\$1000	\$500	\$350	\$150
Juniors	\$500	\$300	\$150	\$50

18. 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.

19. 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.
20. 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.

Note: CYSA Inc. reserves the right to make any modifications or amendments to these rules at its discretion throughout the year.

## 2019 CYSA COMPETITION SPONSORS

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**\*Additional sponsors may be acknowledged on competition day, but as at the time of this printing their sponsorship had not been recieved.**

## JACK PEMBERTON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT BURSARY

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in partnership with 4-H Canada, is pleased to offer the Jack Pemberton Youth Development Bursary to a senior 4-H Member residing outside of the province of Ontario, with a keen interest in agriculture and a desire to attend the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. The successful applicant will be awarded a \$2500 bursary, to be used to attend the 2019 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair will provide accommodations at one of the Royal Hotels for the winner as well as supply passes and an itinerary of Royal VIP events during their stay.

**BURSARY AMOUNT: \$2500**

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:**

- 4-H member in good standing residing outside of the province of Ontario
- Presently in final year of high school (or CEGEP if a Quebec student)
- Plans for post-secondary education in an agriculture related program
- Demonstrated involvement in agriculture

**APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:**

- Cover letter outlining how you would benefit from attending the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, what you would like to see during your visit, and what dates you would like to attend (planning for a 3 night stay in Toronto) – maximum 2 page letter. The Royal will provide hotel arrangements for the winner.
- Copy of your Resume
- Letter of recommendation from a 4-H Leader or other relevant agriculture group leader

Have a question about the Jack Pemberton Youth Development Bursary?

Contact Kelsey Norris, Admissions and Travel Coordinator at 1-844-759-1013 ext. 113 or [knorris@4-h-canada.ca](mailto:knorris@4-h-canada.ca).

**Applications open August 1, 2019 and close September 15, 2019 at 11:59 ET.**



Visit the Canadian 4-H Council website at <https://4-h-canada.ca/bursaries>

Jack Pemberton was born in Toronto and lived there until he and his wife Lillian bought farm property near Georgetown, Ontario. Jack discovered his passion for horses and carriages while in the Royal Canadian Air Force, and was able to pursue this hobby now that he had some land. He taught himself to drive, and became very skilled at restoring carriages, often showing at fairs around Canada and the United States — even becoming a Royal Champion. Jack has supported many associations and fairs to encourage and promote carriage driving throughout the world. As a past President and member of the board, Jack's influence on the Royal has been, and will continue to be, greatly valued.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 CHAMPIONS:



CANADIAN YOUNG SPEAKERS FOR AGRICULTURE  
JUNIOR CHAMPION – NATE CAUGHILL, MELANCTHON, ON



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