



CYSA announces 2013 competition topics

GUELPH, Ontario, January 28, 2013 – Issues vital for agriculture’s prosperity now and in the future intermingle for prospective participants in the 28th annual Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture (CYSA) competition.

After deliberation among board members, led by new CYSA board member and former first-place senior winner Tammy Fischer, CYSA is pleased to announce the five speech topics for this year’s participants:

- What does food security mean to Canadians?
- Farmers’ three most important technologies are...
- Does the family farm need help?
- In the year 2050, here’s what agriculture will look like...
- Reading, writing, and agriculture: should agriculture be in the curriculum?

“It’s exciting to put together a list of topics to inspire and appeal to youth in both the junior and senior categories,” says Fischer. “We tried to hit the pulse of current agricultural issues.”

This year’s competition takes place Saturday, November 2, 2013 at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, Ontario.

Participants in two age categories from 11-24 years old are invited to prepare and present five-to seven minute speeches in English or French.

“Every year brings out new faces and new enthusiasm for agriculture,” says Kim McCaw, CYSA President. “I look forward to this year’s topics providing new opportunities for youth to hone their speaking skills.”

In addition to the experience and opportunity to share ideas in a public forum, finalists in both the junior and senior division receive cash prizes. Assistance with accommodation is also provided.

Deadline for entries for the 2013 competition is Monday, September 30, 2013.

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