4-H Nova Scotia Young Speakers For Agriculture Competition

The Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition will be held on Friday night of the 4-H Nova Scotia Provincial Show. 4-H Nova Scotia sponsors the winner chosen to represent Nova Scotia at the Canadian Young Speakers for Agriculture competition at The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. The award covers travel and accommodations.

The 4-H Nova Scotia Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition is open to all registered 4-H Nova Scotia members.

Members eligible must:

- Be between 16 and 22 years of age as of January 1st of the current 4-H year.
- Deliver their speech in either of Canada's official languages, English or French. (If your speech is in French, please indicate so when you apply.)
- Give a timed five to seven-minute prepared speech
- Competitors are permitted to use flip charts or appropriate posters to illustrate their speech. Slides, films, videos or overhead projectors are not permitted.

Once a member has won the Nova Scotia Young Speakers for Agriculture Competition, they are not eligible to compete again.

The CYSA has moved to a more all-encompassing model that is reflective of the broader scope of the organization as defined in their recent strategic plans as an organization. In keeping with this, members can deliver a speech on **any topic related to Agriculture, Aquaculture, Food Science, or Food Security within a Canadian context.**

Competition Guidelines

The competition rules set by CYSA will be followed for the 4-H Nova Scotia competition. Competitors will be scored on 120 points: 60 points for presentation and 60 points for content.

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
- 1-10 seconds – 2 points
- 11-20 seconds – 5 points
- More than 20 seconds – 15 points

To register for the competition, complete the registration form on the 4-H Nova Scotia website. Registration Deadline is September 15th.

Full CYSA guidelines can be found online at https://www.cysa-joca.com/.

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