

Young and New Entrant Skill Development Program 2019/2020

BC Young Farmers (BCYF) is pleased to announce the 2019/2020 addition of the Young and New Entrant Skill Development Program to support young and new farmers in gaining access to the skills they need to reach their farming potential. The program is delivered by BCYF with funding from the governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year, \$3 billion investment to strengthen the agriculture and food sector.

Young and new farmers can apply for funding support to attend the following events which focus on increasing their farm business management skills:

- 1. National Farm Leadership Program**
- 2. Canadian Federation of Agriculture AGM**
- 3. Canadian Young Farmers Forum**
- 4. Canadian Horticulture Council AGM**
- 5. Canadian Total Excellence in Agricultural Management (CTEAM)**
- 6. Advancing Women in Agriculture Conference**

Applicants must be a resident of BC, between the ages of 19 and 40, and actively involved in a farm business. To apply, applicants must e-mail info@bcyf.ca with the following information:

- Name
- Commodity
- Location
- If the applicant has attended the event in the past
- Brief summary of their farm business and explain how attendance will benefit their skill development, their farm business and their local agricultural community
- If applying for more than one event, applicants must rank the opportunities by preference.

Applicants can attend more than one event however, preference will be given to applicants who have not received support from the program; have not attended the event before; and are actively involved in their farming community.

Applicants from all regions and farm types are encouraged to apply.

DEADLINE

- **January 10, 2020** – deadline to apply

We look forward to hearing back from you!

BCYF

More details on the events:

1. **National Farm Leadership Program**

Date: Starting January 27th, 2020

Location: Sidney, BC

Details: The program takes place over 11 weeks involving structured online asynchronous learning with a cohort of fellow participants. At the 7-week mark, there is a 3-day residency where participants practice their skills. Throughout the program, and for the remainder of the year, participants will receive personal coaching to understand their leadership assessment and put a plan in place to increase their leadership effectiveness. Participants will have unlimited access to the LeaderLab – a private online community learning platform.

One applicant will receive \$2,500 towards their registration costs. Applicants must pay the remainder of the registration costs (approximately \$5,900) and all their transportation, hotel, and incidental costs.

For more information: https://fmc-gac.com/announcements_cpt/national-farm-leadership-program/

Number of Applicants Accepted: One

Funding: \$2,500.00 towards registration costs

2. **Canadian Federation of Agriculture AGM**

Date: February 25th to 27th, 2020

Location: Ottawa, ON

Details: More than 200 delegates and observers gather to explore policy issues and industry priorities. The AGM draws a wide range of participants, including farm and agricultural industry leaders, government and industry representatives, elected officials and national media.

For more information: <https://www.cfa-fca.ca/>

Number of Applicants Accepted: Up to two

Funding: Registration, flights, and hotel

3. Canadian Young Farmers' Forum

Date: March 6th to 8th, 2020

Location: Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Details: March 6 to 8 (with an optional day of tours on March 9th), Charlottetown, PEI. For up to eight applicants. BCYF will be choosing applicants based on their region and what type of farming/ranching they are involved in. We hope to choose applicants from: Vancouver Island, Fraser Valley, Kootenays, Okanagan, Cariboo, Peace, and the North Coast.

Annually, the CYFF hosts a national conference and general members meeting. The conference offers a dynamic agenda filled with unforgettable speakers that present on topics which leave young farmers feeling motivated, inspired and educated. Young producers from coast to coast thoroughly enjoy the training they attain and the opportunity to network with fellow producers in a professional yet fun environment.

For more information: <https://cyff.ca/>

Number of Applicants Accepted: Up to eight

Funding: Registration, flights, and hotel

4. Canadian Horticulture Council AGM

Date: March 10th to 12th, 2020

Location: Ottawa, ON

Details: The Canadian Horticultural Council's (CHC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) is an opportunity for leaders in fruit and vegetable production, retail, business, and the federal government to come together to discuss issues and decide on a course of action for addressing issues of concern in the coming year.

For more information: <https://www.hortcouncil.ca/en/>

Number of Applicants Accepted: Up to two

Funding: Registration, flights, and hotel

5. Canadian Total Excellence in Agricultural Management (CTEAM)

Date: Starting March 16th, 2020

Locations: Abbotsford, BC;

Details: CTEAM is designed specifically for producers and ranchers. Through four modules, which are held in different cities across Canada, you will develop and implement your own strategic and operations plans for your farm.

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- Module 1 - March 16-20, 2020 - Abbotsford, BC
- Module 2 - December 7-11, 2020 - Calgary, AB
- Module 3 - March 1-5, 2021 - Guelph, ON
- Module 4 - December 6-10, 2021 - Montreal, QC / Ottawa, ON

For more information: <https://www.agrifoodtraining.com/for-producers-cteam>

Number of Applicants Accepted: One

Funding: \$2500 towards registration costs

6. Advancing Women in Agriculture Conference

Date: March 23rd to 24th, 2020

Location: Calgary, AB

Details: Connect with like-minded women passionate about agriculture and food. Grow from informative, inspiring and motivating discussions with influential leaders. Learn the tools and techniques that will empower you to live to your full potential.

For more information: <https://www.advancingwomenconference.ca/2020west/>

Number of Applicants Accepted: Up to two

Funding: Registration, flights, and hotel

