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Central Otago Campus The Moorings Horticulture Training Facility 12-23 Perriam Place 25 Bannockburn Road, Pisa Moorings, Cromwell Cromwell

Day Venue: Evening Venue:



The 2022 Central Otago Young Grower competition aims to inspire and acknowledge the talents of young people employed in the fruit and vegetable sectors in Central Otago.

We have some of the best fruit and vegetables in the country so it goes without saying that there are also a number of very talented young fruit and vegetable growers in the region.

The winner of the 2022 Central Otago Young Grower goes forward to the national final of the NZ Young Grower on 21-22 September 2022 in Nelson.

* The regional competitions are open to eligible fruit and vegetable growers, with the exception of Hawkes Bay, which is a fruit grower competition only. The winner from each region goes to compete at the National Final for the New Zealand Young Vegetable and Fruit Grower title as well as the national title.



DEVELOP AND Showcase your Skills



Jordan Carrol

Winner of Central Otago Young Fruit Grower 2021 The Central Otago Young Grower is a fun-filled and challenging full day event in which contestants undertake a range of horticultural related theoretical and practical activities.

To round off the day there will be a dinner where contestants participate in a speech competition and awards will be presented to the winners.

The competitions have an emphasis on practical production (on or close to orchard/farm) skills and business skills associated with growing and industry knowledge. The term "grower" includes those involved in growing plus those roles closely associated with growing such as pack house and coolstore employees. This does not include service providers such as bankers and consultants.



Contestants have the opportunity to compete for the title 2022 Central Otago Young Grower and the following prizes:

 2022 WINNER
 \$1,500

 1ST RUNNER-UP
 \$1,000

 2ND RUNNER-UP
 \$500

 ACTIVITY WINNERS
 \$150*

 [*prizes to the value of]

The winner of Central Otago Young Grower 2022 receives a media and presentation development course in Auckland, as well as an all-expenses paid trip to Nelson to compete for the title of NZ Young Fruit Grower or NZ Young Vegetable Grower and Young Grower of the Year.

Apples and Pears NZ is also offering the 1st and 2nd place winners an all-expenses-paid trip to the Pipfruit Conference, (including travel, accommodation and registration fee) which will be held later this year.

Jenkins FreshPac is offering the winner an all-expenses-paid trip to the Horticulture Conference (including travel, accommodation and registration fee).

Summerfruit NZ is offering the winner an all-expenses-paid trip to the Summerfruit Conference, (including travel, accommodation and registration fee) which will be held in 2023.

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- 1. Contestants must be currently working full time in the fruit and vegetable industry in an organisation that is closely associated with growing.
- 2. Contestants must be 30 years of age or under as at 31 December 2022.
- Contestants must show evidence of completing a minimum of three years practical work experience in the fruit and vegetable industry with the regional coordinators ensuring the 3 years practical experience is met.
 Eg. letter from employer.
- To enter the competition the application form must be completed and posted or emailed to the contact person on or before the close off date.
- Contestants must be available, if selected, to compete in the Young Grower of the Year competition in Nelson, 21-22 September 2022. (All travel costs will be met by Horticulture New Zealand).
- 6. The contestant agrees that if they win Young Grower of the Year they must be available to compete in the AGMARDT Market Innovation Project (date to be confirmed) and the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition (to be confirmed).
- 7. Contestants agree to abide by the competition rules.
- All entrants must be familiar with health and safety issues associated with competition activities and follow the procedures set in place on the day.
- 9. Contestants must be fully vaccinated and supply a vaccine pass and photo ID with their entry form.
- 10. Must be a New Zealand citizen or hold a current New Zealand residency permit.
- 11. The winners of the competitions will be expected to be available for promotional purposes and give interviews as required to the media at and following the event.
- 12. The contestant will be available to promote the competition where applicable.
- Contestants may reapply to regional competitions even if they have won young fruit grower or young vegetable grower. However the winner of the young grower of the year cannot reapply at a regional or national level.

1. Please complete the Contestant Entry Form attached. If there is no Contestant Entry Form attached please contact Mariette Morkel on 021 784 032 to arrange for the form to be posted to you.

2. Once your form is completed, post it to reach the following address before 4pm, Wednesday 1 June 2022:

Mariette Morkel C/O Horticentre Limited 22 Pinot Noir Drive, Cromwell, 9310 Email: mariette.morkel@horticentre.co.nz Phone: 021 784 032

3. If you have any questions relating to the competition or entry form, please contact:

Mariette Morkel Phone: 021 784 032 Email: mariette.morkel@horticentre.co.nz

Alternatively:

Grant McKay Phone: 0275 348 629 Email: grant.mckay2@gmail.com



Young Gr[™]wer[™] of the year

DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE LEADERS

As a finalist in the 2022 Young Grower of the Year, the Central Otago Young Grower has the opportunity to win more fabulous prizes at the national final from 21-22 September 2022 in Nelson including:

Young Grower of the Year

- \$12,000 plus trophy
- Entry to compete at the Young Horticulturist of the Year competition and represent the commercial fruit and vegetable sectors.

NZ Young Vegetable Grower of the Year

\$1,500 plus trophy

NZ Young Fruit Grower of the Year

\$1,500 plus trophy

Best Practical \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the practical section.

Best Business \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the business section.

Best Speech \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the speech section.

Best Innovation \$500

The finalist who received the best score in the innovation section.

Outstanding Leadership \$500

The finalist who demonstrates outstanding promise and leadership during the competition including the panel session, voted by the judges.

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