



Grow-NY Youth Competition Application

Calling all youth food system and technology entrepreneurs!

Our youth are the next generation of business developers, agriculture, food, and technology leaders. With the hope of inspiring and investing in the future of food, select middle and high school youth will be chosen to pitch their business idea during the competition to a panel of youth judges in November 2023.

Applications are due **October 6, 2023 by 5:00pm EST.**

Applicant Information

Youth Name

First Name

Last Name

Youth Address

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State

Zip Code

New York State County Residing In

Adult Partner Name (Teacher, Parent, Leader, etc.)

First Name

Last Name

Adult Partner E-Mail Address

example@example.com

Adult Partner Phone Number

Please enter a valid phone number.

School or Homeschool Name

Grade (as of November 2023)

Please list any youth organizations you are affiliated with (FFA, 4-H, National Honor Society, etc.).

Which of the following best describes your gender identity?

- Male/men (could include cisgender men, transgender men, and male identified individuals)
- Female/women (could include cisgender women, trans women, and female-identified individuals)
- Gender nonbinary or gender nonconforming
- I prefer not to answer
- My gender identity is not listed. I identify as (please specify in the box below)

Which race and/or ethnic groups does the applicant identify? Please check one or more of the following groups with which the applicant identifies

- African, African American, Black (e.g. African-American, Ethiopian, Haitian, Nigerian, etc.)
- Asian, Asian-American (e.g. Chinese, Korean, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Malaysian, Pakistani, Uzbek, etc.)
- Caucasian (e.g. English, French, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, etc.)
- Hispanic or Latina/o/x (e.g. Brazilian, Colombian, Cuban, Mexican, Mexican-American, Puerto Rican, etc.)
- Middle Eastern and North African (e.g. Egyptian, Iraqi, Jordanian, etc.)
- Indigenous population in the Americas (e.g. Aztec, Blackfeet, Guarani, Inuit, Mayan, Seminole, Sioux, etc.)
- Indigenous population in the Pacific Islands (Fijian, Marshallese, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Tongan, etc.)
- I prefer not to answer
- Other

Innovation Information

Business or Product Name

Company Website or Social Media Presence (if applicable)

Company or Product Logo (if applicable)



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Select the one industry sector that best describes your business idea

- Animal Health (can include animal management, testing, feed)
- Climate Change
- Consumer Packaged Goods- Food
- Consumer Packaged Goods- Beverage
- Digital AgTech (can include hardware and software for indoor or outdoor ag solutions)
- Distribution (can include eCommerce, online marketplaces)
- Farm Operations (can include robotics, in-field monitoring, data collection)
- Food Tech (can include: automation, hardware and software for food preparation and production, upcycling)
- Ingredients
- Irrigation and Water Tech
- Packaging
- Processing
- Soil and Crop Tech (can include: seeds, composting, and pest innovations)
- Other

Describe your business or idea. Why is this innovative business, idea, or service unique?

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Do you have a tangible prototype, sample, or beta version of your product/service/idea to show?

- Yes
- No

Please describe the stage of development of the primary product or service you would like to pitch to Grow-NY.

- It is an idea
- It is being developed
- It is in testing with consumers
- It has been sold to customers who are using it today
- Other

Describe your market and target customer. How does your product or approach meet your customer needs or problems?

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In five sentences or less, please describe yourself.

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