



2026

Youth Educational Challenges

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Quick Takeaways

1. You must register by Friday, October 7, 2026 – [click here to register](#).
2. Challenges are Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
3. Open to any student in 6th-12th grade
4. There are five (5) test categories plus a Gauntlet test.
5. It is recommended students study from sources listed on the Georgia Ag Ed website, www.gaaged.org, regarding similar categories associated with CDE competitions.

Overview

- 1) The Youth Educational Challenges will be Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at the Sunbelt Ag Expo
 - a) Time slots are available online from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - i) Register Early! Time slots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. When time slots are full, they are full.
 - b) All participating students will receive lunch compliments of Agri Supply Company and Coke.
 - c) An awards ceremony will be held in the RW Griffin Building at 2:00 p.m.
- 2) Challenges are open to any student, 6th – 12th grade
 - a) Students may participate as a member of an FFA or 4-H chapter or as a student unaffiliated with any youth organization.
 - b) There will be a Junior Division (6th – 9th grade) and a Senior Division (10th-12th grade).
 - c) Students will compete as individuals.
- 3) Students are eligible to compete in as many of the challenges as they can fit into their schedules for the day.
- 4) There will be five content area competitions with a Junior and a Senior Division.
 - a) Ag Business
 - b) Ag Mechanics
 - c) Animal Science
 - d) Forestry & ENR
 - e) Plant Science



- 5) Awards will be given to 1st - 3rd place in each content area in Junior and Senior Divisions.
 - a) Additional award
 - i) The chapter/club with the most participants
- 6) Students are required to register online for the challenges by Wednesday, October 7.
 - a) Registration must be completed at sunbeltexpo.com/yeo by selecting the registration link for the Youth Educational Challenges
- 7) Students are NOT required to wear official dress. Comfortable, yet appropriate, respectable clothing is recommended.
- 8) To study, students may use any reference they so choose. In addition, it is recommended that students consult sources listed on the Georgia Ag Ed website, www.gaaged.org, regarding similar categories associated with CDE competitions.
- 9) Regarding Scoring:
 - a) Because there will only be one part to each challenge, participant scores will be the sum of the answers they get correct.
 - b) In the case of a tie,
 - i) (1) there will be tie-breaker questions at the end of the required questions that will only be used for breaking ties.
 - ii) (2) Individual questions within the challenge will be determined in advance as tie-breakers.