

# Scholarship Contest for Young Statisticians

To encourage more young statisticians to take an active interest in agricultural statistics, a competition is being held for young statisticians to participate in ICAS-VIII and a Young Statistician Seminar sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Young statisticians are encouraged to submit a paper on any of the topics listed as sessions for ICAS-VIII (see [here](#) for List of Sessions). The paper must be a minimum of 4 pages, with a maximum of 8 pages. Use the Authors Instructions for ICAS VIII described under Call for Papers (once published) for preparing your paper or contact [Sarah.Hoffman@usda.gov](mailto:Sarah.Hoffman@usda.gov) for instructions. Papers and inquiries should be submitted to [Sarah.Hoffman@usda.gov](mailto:Sarah.Hoffman@usda.gov). Papers may not have been previously presented in a public forum or published. The author and all co-authors (if any) must be born in 1984 or later. Papers must be submitted in English.

The authors of winning papers will receive funds to cover economy class airfare to Delhi, hotel accommodation, daily expenses, and ICAS VIII conference registration. In addition to the monetary prize, winners will be invited to present their paper at the Seminar on Methodology for Agricultural Censuses and Surveys. If a paper is submitted as a joint paper by two or more authors, only one author can be offered the travel and expenses. It is the authors' responsibility to nominate the author concerned.

**The revised deadline for submitting papers is August 9, 2019.** Winning paper authors will be notified by September 6, 2019. Multiple prizes will be awarded.

A select USDA panel will judge the papers on the following criteria:

- \*Scientific and/or strategic merit
- \* Originality
- \*Quality of the exposition

The decision of the panel will be final.

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