



# REQUIREMENT!

## FOR ALL KANSAS STATE FAIR GRAND DRIVE & KJLS EXHIBITORS

### What is it?

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that covers food safety, animal well-being, and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum.

### Who needs to get certified?

Any youth 7 years of age and older who will be exhibiting a market or breeding animal in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS) is required to obtain certification. The requirement took effect for 7-year-olds exhibiting at KJLS beginning in 2021. They may receive certification through an instructor-led training. Those needing an online option should contact their local extension office. YQCA certification numbers will be submitted through the online nomination process for market animals, and at the time of entry for exhibitors who only have registered purebred breeding animals. All youth should complete the training by June 15 of the current show year.

### How do youth get certified?

Annual certification is required. Youth may earn their certification in one of the following ways:

- ♦ Instructor-led training (\$3/child)
- ♦ Online course (\$12/child)
- ♦ Test-Out exam (12 & 15-year-olds only; online course only; cost varies)

Instructor-led sessions may be offered at the local level by certified instructors. Visit [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org) for more details and to register for a class. All youth must pre-register through the YQCA website, regardless of the type of training they select, in order to obtain a certification number. The registration process includes enrolling the youth in a course, paying the fee, and taking the pre-test. The YQCA program transitioned to a new platform in March of 2022, so families need to visit the new website and create a new family account if they have not previously done so. Returning families will login using the credentials for their account previously created and register the appropriate individuals.

### Where do youth find their certification number?

After completing the course, a young person's certificate will be available to download and print through their YQCA user account. Families are responsible for logging into the site after completion of the class to view a child's number and obtain their certificate. Youth will need to complete the post-test through their YQCA user account immediately following the class. Certificates may be downloaded to a computer or mobile device.