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Does the YQCA fulfill the Fairs &Exposition (F&E) approved Quality Assurance and Ethics Awareness training?

Yes, the YQCA online/in-person program is approved to fulfill the F&E approved Quality Assurance and Ethics Awareness training requirement. YQCA is not meant to replace the efforts of fairs that wish to continue their own ethics training program.

Who is required to take the training?

Youth ages 9 to 19 (4-H youth) producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry are required to take the training. The training is mainly geared toward those exhibitors with market projects, 9 years and older, but is required by all small and large livestock exhibitors, which includes those with only breeding projects.

Where can you see if a show requires or accepts YQCA?

The YQCA webpage (http://yqca.org/fairs-shows/) has a list shows and fairs that either require or accept YQCA certification. To view the list of shows and fairs, please visit http://yqca.org/fairs-shows/. It is possible a fair/show is not on the list but may still accept the YQCA certification or will conduct their own ethics training program. Exhibitors must always check the entry requirements of each show for complete details.

When should an exhibitor take the training?

An exhibitor should review the entry forms of the fair or show they wish to enter in. Show entry forms may require the exhibitor to enter their certificate number/proof of certificate on their entry form, meaning an exhibitor must take the training before the entry form deadline. If there is no information on the entry form regarding ethics training requirements the exhibitor should contact the fair.

What about other livestock quality certification programs?

All National Junior Swine Association shows will accept YQCA certification for their quality assurance requirement. The Youth PQA Plus program will be discontinued after December 2017 with their full support of YQCA. The National Western Stock Show will accept YQCA certification starting with their January 2018 show. Other shows and fairs are currently in the process of considering accepting and/or requiring YQCA certification. Shows are asked, however, to honor the certificates earned by youth from these sources through the expiration of their certificate.

B. YQCA Trainings for youth

How long are the trainings?

The trainings are 60 minutes.

How does a youth member register for YQCA trainings?

Youth members must purchase the online training or reserve their spot in an in-person training through the YQCA website, http://yqca.org/fairs-shows/, and select "Sign In/Register" at the top of the screen. Or, go directly to https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login. Current 4-H members have the option of creating a YQCA account using their 4honline account. This will allow their YQCA certification to show on their 4honline profile. 4-H staff are not responsible for verifying certification through 4honline.

Why are there fees associated with the course?

There are fees associated to the course to support the YQCA system and technical/user support. 4-H does not receive any fees from the YQCA training program. Please see below for a breakdown of cost.

$12.00 fee for online program

 - $0.36 = credit card fees (typically)

 - $5.00 = technical/user support, email and phone support, based in U.S.

 - $5.00 = online system hosting, maintenance, ongoing development, security and privacy assurance

 - $1.64 = stays with YQCA to invest in ongoing curriculum development and revision, program management, and promotion

 $3 fee for in-person

- $0.09 = credit card fees (typically)

- $1.50 = technical/user support, email and phone support, based in U.S.

- $1.00 = online system hosting, maintenance, ongoing development, security and privacy assurance

- $0.41 = stays with YQCA to invest in ongoing curriculum development and revision, program management, and promotion

What are the payment methods to purchase the course?

The YQCA system only allows credit card payments or coupon codes. Coupon codes can be purchased through the YQCA website, http://yqca.org/buy-coupons/, on behalf of families that do not want to use credit cards for online purchases. These families can find another family or adult that will accept payment from this family and will purchase coupon codes to use for youth registration. Sponsor(s) interested in supporting youth livestock projects can also help offset the cost of YQCA for exhibitors through purchasing coupon codes and distributing them to designated users; YQCA cannot be held liable for misuse of coupon codes.

     A few details about the coupons:

      - Codes do not expire until redeemed at which time they become null and void - Each code is unique and once used it cannot be used again

      - Coupons can be $12 for a web-based training or $3 for an instructor-led training

      - Whoever purchases the coupon codes is responsible for distributing them to designated users; YQCA cannot be held liable for misuse of coupon codes

How can someone purchase the coupons?

Coupon codes can only be purchased at http://yqca.org/buy-coupons/. Coupons are issued by YQCA via email in the form of a PDF. Each coupon has its own separate voucher with a barcode. Example: If you purchase 50 coupons, you will receive 50 individual coupons. Purchasers are responsible for the distribution of the coupons. YQCA does keep track of who purchases coupons, the number of coupons purchased, and the barcodes associated with each coupon.

How does an exhibitor get their certificate of completion from the Online Course?

A youth who is taking the YQCA training online would need a pass rate of 80% on a series of three quizzes to earn certification. They can repeat the module if needed. Youth will be able to download, print, or access their certificate number after passing from the course website, https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login, or their 4honline profile.

How does an exhibitor get their certificate of completion from the In-Person trainings?
When purchasing a course, youth will have the opportunity to select a training site. In-person trainings are available to all exhibitors regardless of program affiliation (4-H, FFA, other). An in-person YQCA workshop requires complete attendance of the duration of the training for certification. Youth will be able to download, print, or access their certificate number after passing from the course website, https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login, or their 4honline profile*. 4-H staff will not have access to view where an exhibitor is registered to take the in-person training.*

Are in-person trainings available to all exhibitors from any organization?
Yes, all in-person trainings are open to everyone regardless of program affiliation (4-H, FFA, other). All exhibitors will be able to view the training schedule when registering online. California exhibitors will only be able to view the trainings available in California.

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How will a show know if a youth has completed YQCA certification?
Fair show managers will also be able to utilize the public-facing certification verification site to validate certification numbers. It is not the responsibility of 4-H staff to verify YQCA certificate numbers for fair show managers.

How often does a youth need to complete the training?
The YQCA certification lasts for one year from the date of completion (365 days). 4-H youth should expect to repeat the program each year they plan to show livestock.