



WHAT IS YQCA?

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. YQCA promotes the development of a common framework for youth livestock quality assurance programs that will enhance the educational experience of youth, improve the care of animals, and provide a higher level of food safety to consumers.

WHO NEEDS TO BE CERTIFIED?

Any youth 8 years of age and older who will be exhibiting swine, beef, sheep, goat, rabbit, and/or poultry at the 2023 Webster County Fair.

HOW DO I GET CERTIFIED?

Youth may earn their certification in one of the following ways:

Online course training (\$12/youth paid to YQCA)

In person instructor led training (\$3/youth paid to YQCA)

In person instructor led trainings will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 PM or Saturday, May 13th at 9:00 AM. Both trainings will be held at the Webster County Extension Office (822 Central Ave. Ste. 102, Fort Dodge)

To register for the online training OR the instructor led training visit <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

The fees for service will be used to offset direct expenses and to support the 4-H Youth Development County Extension Program.

WHAT DO I DO AFTER I GET CERTIFIED?

After youth complete their trainings, they will be able to access their certificate online in their YQCA account. Please download your certificate and send a copy to Brooke McKibban (mckibban@iastate.edu).

You will also need your certificate number in order to make your animal entries in Fair Entry. **The deadline for Fair Entry is June 9th @ 11:59 pm.**



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