

April 17, 2020

Dear 4-H Member,

Each year youth in the 4-H program that show meat and dairy animals are required to complete the **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Program (YQCA) Certification**. This program provides quality assurance education on all species. As a reminder, those exhibiting beef cattle, feeder calves, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, utility goats, poultry and rabbits must be certified through YQCA. Because of the extreme circumstances we are going through right now Indiana 4-H has created a new option for 4-H members that is free but meets the certification requirements for county fair. The free option does NOT meet State Fair requirements.

Course Options:

This certification will need to be completed via web-based modules for the 2020 year. Face to Face options are not available for the 2020 year due to Covid-19. **This certification must be complete by July 1, 2020 in order to exhibit at the county fair.**

NEW FOR 2020 is that there are two types of web-based modules you can choose from to complete this requirement to exhibit at the county fair.

1. The traditional web-based YQCA option is available to all 4-H members for a nominal fee and certifies you to show at the Indiana State Fair.
2. The new web-based option called Animal Ethics Modules has been created that is FREE and for all 4-H youth who DO NOT PLAN TO SHOW AT THE INDIANA STATE FAIR. This will make you eligible to show at the Boone Co. 4-H Fair.

Traditional YQCA Certification- Only option if you want to show at the Indiana State Fair

This certification does come with a fee. There are three fee options available.

- A. Normal cost is \$12 per child if doing a single year certification
- B. Limited time discount of \$9 now through the end of April. Those wishing to take part in the flash sale will need to purchase \$9 web-based training coupons from YQCA. Coupon order forms are available at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/BOONE/article/32079>. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNTED PRICE. Once the order form and proof of payment is received, coupons will be issued and returned to the purchaser within 3-5 business days through YQCA. Coupons MUST be put towards a web-based training in the month of April.
- C. There is an online test out option for some levels, cost is \$12 per year of certification, but it means your child doesn't have to complete the training until they reach the next age level. This test out option is only available to youth in the first year of intermediate (age 12), senior (age 15) and young adult (age 19). Age is determined by your age on January 1 of the current year. There is no test-out option for juniors (those under 12 years old). Keep reading for specifics on each option.

Registering for a training:

To register for web-base training you need to go to <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>. You will use your 4HOnline account information to login using the 4HOnline portion on the left side of the screen. Once you have logged into the system you will have to register each youth member that needs this certification.

You will then come to a screen that shows different courses based on their age level. Select the course that matches your age level (as of January 1 of this year). Once you have selected the course you will see a different screen that shows your options. At the bottom of the “Course List” page are the test-out options for the youth in their first year of intermediate, senior and young adult’s levels. The only way to pay for this training is by credit card online. We cannot accept cash or check for this. The Indiana State Department of Agriculture and the Indiana 4-H Program are sponsoring coupons to assist with the cost of the training

Taking the Test:

If you do not pass the test you will be locked out of the system for 1 hour and then have to retake the test until you pass it. All ages are eligible for this option.

After You are Certified:

Once you have completed the training, you will be able print out a certificate immediately after you do the online training. You are ENCOURAGED to PRINT a copy of the certificate and keep it with all your 4-H livestock paperwork. State Fair will require you show that paperwork at registration time.

More Info on the Multi-year Certification:

If you are age 12, 15 or 19 by January 1, 2020 and want to take the multi-year test out option the test consists of 50 questions and requires a pass rate of 80% or better for certification. If passed, the certification will last through the end of a user’s age level (intermediate – ages 12, 13 and 14; senior – ages 15, 16, 17 and 18; and young adult – ages 19, 20 and 21.) The intermediate and young adult test-out course will cost \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) and the senior test-out course will cost \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification.) If passed, users will receive access to online modules that correspond with the age levels indicated above, found on the user’s “My Library” page. Users will have one chance to take the test-out option. If they fail, they will not be provided another opportunity for that level of certification. If the youth passes, payment for the completed test out course will be required after the completion of the test. No payment is required to attempt the test. Participants attempting and not passing will be prompted to take the web-based training annually.

Animal Ethics Modules- Will only certify you to show at the Boone County 4-H Fair for 2020

This is a free option to 4-H members showing at the county fair. You will watch all the modules and then complete a Qualtrics survey to document your completion. Survey results will be reviewed by county staff.

Online Animal Ethics Modules: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/Online-Animal-Ethics-Program.aspx>

After completing the Animal Ethics Modules you will need to complete this Qualtrics survey to be certified for the 2020 year:

https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2aAOaEAK0BEGoRv

If you have any questions, please email Kimberly Moore, 4-H Program Assistant.

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