



## Polk County 4-H

YQCA for all livestock exhibitors is **Due JUNE 15, 2023**

The deadline has been moved up to JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> because the fair is early this year!

If you plan on showing beef, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, or rabbits you are required to complete annual quality assurance training through YQCA.

### How do youth get certified?

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

- Instructor-led training (\$8/child) \$3 online fee plus \$5 in-person fee – NEW THIS YEAR
- Online course (\$12/child)
- Test-Out exam (12 & 15-year-olds only; online course only; cost varies)

**All enrollment for YQCA training (Web Based or In-Person) must be done through the YQCA site. We do NOT take registrations through the Extension Office.**

**Cost \$12 for the online course - \$8 for the in-person training.**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program. It is an annual training open to youth 8-21 years of age and focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and life skill development. Please visit the **NEW** program website, [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org) to register for training and create a user account on the website.

Please follow the appropriate link for more information about how to register:

- YQCA information can be found at: <https://4h.unl.edu/yqca>
  - Online Course training
  - In-person training
  - Testing out certification
    - (only available for youth Intermediates 12-14 & Seniors 15-18 years of age on Dec. 31)
- Or directly at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

**YOU MUST PRINT YOUR CERTIFICATE AND EITHER EMAIL OR DROP OFF YOUR CERTIFICATE IN THE POLK COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE BY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

### Instructor Lead Training

Youth must enroll online through the YQCA site for Instructor Lead Training, pay the YQCA fee online. There will be only one Instructor Lead Training Date this year.

**Instructor Lead Training Date – \$8 total this year**

**(\$3 and must register Online prior to the event please bring \$5 to the training to cover other expenses)**

- **Sunday, April 23rd from 4-5 p.m. Polk County Fairground Exhibit Building**

Please contact Colleen at 402-747-2321 or at [colleen.pallas@unl.edu](mailto:colleen.pallas@unl.edu) if you have any questions.