

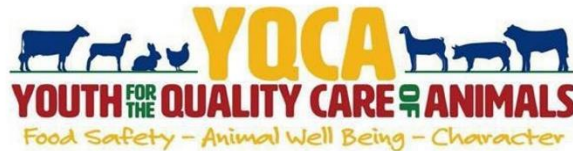


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## [YQCA Yearly Online Ethics Course](#)

We will once again be utilizing YQCA, Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, for our ethics requirement. This is an annual course that is taken online (the course is about an hour long) and can be completed at any time before entering for the 2023 Alameda County Fair. Once you have passed the course you will receive a certificate of completion, Log into you ShoWorks entry account and upload your certificate to your account <https://alamedalive.fairwire.com> The certificate number will be required to complete your online entries or to submit paper entries. No passes or credentials will be released until this course is completed and you have submitted your certificate number and a copy of your certificate. NO EXCEPTIONS!

**Who has to take it:** All junior animal exhibitors (excluding horse, cavies and dogs) must take the online course, and enter their certificate number when entering online (or submitting a paper entry). Since YQCA has not yet developed a parent/leader course, we will not be requiring leaders to take it this year. That will change once they develop a course specifically for leaders.

**To register,** go to <https://yqcaprogram.org> and make an account. You will need to make a separate account for each exhibitor (siblings cannot take the course together; they each need an individual certificate to enter at the fair). The course is \$12 per exhibitor.

**More about YQCA:** Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. The program is designed to provide an estimated 60 minutes of education each year. The online program requires the passing of a series of three quizzes to earn certification. YQCA is the result of a collaborative effort between states that have previously offered multi-species youth livestock quality assurance programs, the National Pork Board's Youth PQA Plus program and representatives from other national livestock groups. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.

**More about the Online Course:** The online program includes three components for each topic (food safety, animal well-being, and character development): 1) knowledge builder, 2) skills lab and 3) quiz for each content topic and are designed specifically for each age group. To fulfill their year of training, youth will complete three of these online modules. The knowledge builder allows students to learn new information in an engaging, age-appropriate, and interactive format. Students can read content, watch videos, analyze pictures, and practice skills while progressing through a series of interactive content components. Skills labs offer realistic situational opportunities for youth to apply the new knowledge gained in the knowledge builder. These labs take students through a comprehensive journey of the content, requiring them to apply skills and make decisions resembling those

they will face in real life. The quiz is the final piece of the online learning experience, testing student's overall knowledge of the content. Students can receive immediate feedback or see their results at the conclusion of the quiz. A pass rate of 80% have been established with students being able to repeat the module if needed.