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# 4-H News

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### Welcome New 4-H Members:

Cass County:

- Indian Creek: Corinne Dorsey

Morgan County:

- Agri-Stars: Aaron McBride



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# 4-H ANIMAL PROJECT REQUIRED TRAININGS

## YQCA

### For members enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats:

The YQCA is a new livestock quality assurance program that is replacing PQA which no longer exists. All 4-H exhibitors of these animals will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year.

A 4-H member can be certified in two different ways:

- Attend either a face to face class (\$3.00 cost)

OR

- Certify on-line via the website [yqca.org](http://yqca.org) (\$12.00 cost)

The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. The online version is broken into age divisions as follows: juniors 8-11, intermediate 12-14, senior 15-18, and young adults 19-21. This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years. The estimated cost for the face-to-face training will be \$3 and \$12 for the online version.

Listed below are the face to face class offerings: (YOU MUST GO ONTO THE YQCA WEBSITE TO REGISTER AND PAY FOR THIS CLASS) You only need to attend one training to be certified.

- May 2 at Scott County Extension office (1-2 p.m.) - Maximum of 50 4-H members
- May 2 at Scott County Extension office (2:30 - 3:30) - Maximum 50 4-H members
- June 6 at 4-H Building on Morgan County Fairgrounds (1-2 p.m.) Max of 50 members
- June 6 at 4-H Building on Morgan County Fairgrounds 2:30 -3:30 p.m.) Max of 50
- June 8 at 4-H Building on Morgan County Fairgrounds (6:30 -7:30 p.m.) Max of 50

**You must pre-register and pay on: <http://yqca.org/> for BOTH THE IN -PERSON OR ONLINE TRAINING.**



# 4-H ANIMAL PROJECT REQUIRED TRAININGS

## QAEC

Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) is required one time for everyone in a horse, chicken, rabbit, dog, or cat, project. Participants register on the site with their first and last name, and the county of their 4-H Club.

·After completing the initial registration, exhibitors will receive an identification number or “token.” If training is not completed in one sitting, they will need this “token” to re-enter the training and complete the requirements.

·QAEC website <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/ccgms/>

·If you do not have Internet access you may make arrangements to come to any Unit 15 Extension office during business hours to complete the certification process.

All exhibitors will receive training on six different sections.

·Introduction, Benefits, Purpose, Care, Medicine, and the Affidavit.

·Following each section, participants must correctly answer a short quiz to make sure they have captured the knowledge within each section.

·Once participants have completed the first six sections, they are required to receive training in a seventh section – specific to a species (beef, companion animals, dairy, horses, sheep, swine, goats or poultry). Participants only need to complete one species even if you show many species. For example, Johnny exhibits beef, swine, goats and horses, but he only needs to complete one species in order to fulfill the seventh section.

Upon completion of the training, the exhibitor’s name, county, and sections finished will be added to the database. Before exiting the website, participants will want to print a certificate of completion that includes their printed name for verify certification. Local University of Illinois Extension Units are able to download a list of those exhibitors who have completed the certification.

If you are not certain you have completed the certification process give us a call and we can check. Certification is required only ONE TIME even if you add another species later. If you do not have internet access you may come to any Extension office to complete the certification. Failure to complete QAEC will result in being removed from your project.

**Deadline is June 1**

**<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/>**



# 4-H INFORMATION

## 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN GREENE & MORGAN COUNTIES

- Greene County 4-H Livestock Committee will be offering One \$500 Scholarship. [Download or complete application online.](#)
- Morgan County 4-H Members who are Seniors or Freshmen in College don't forget to check out two great scholarship opportunities. Links for each scholarship are listed below:
  1. Morgan Country 4-H Foundation is offering SIX \$750, ONE \$500 Farm Credit & ONE \$500 Kiwanis scholarships [Download or complete application online.](#)
  2. Morgan County Fair is offering TWO \$1000 scholarships: [Download application.](#)

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### Public Presentation Information

Members who are in the Public Speaking project may begin to register on April 1. There are 2 locations to exhibit. You may choose either one.

6:00pm

May 11, Morgan County

May 12, Greene County

The State Pubic Speaking contest is scheduled for June 5 at Richland Community College in Decatur.

1. Face coverings are required for all youth, spectators, volunteers, and staff.
2. Everyone in attendance will practice social distancing during the event, including maintaining six feet of separation (both indoors and outdoors) from those who are not in their households. To allow for social distancing, building and spectator capacity may be limited based on current public health department guidelines.
3. Handwashing and sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the venue.
4. Anyone who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms within the previous seven days is asked to stay home. COVID-19 symptoms include fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.



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### Shooting Sports Instructors Training

If you know of an interested adult who wants to volunteer to be an instructor in one of the shooting sports disciplines (shotgun, rifle, archery, pistol), please have them contact April. Upcoming traings are: June 5 in Monticello and July 24 in Hull (Pike County).

**Cass-Morgan Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships**

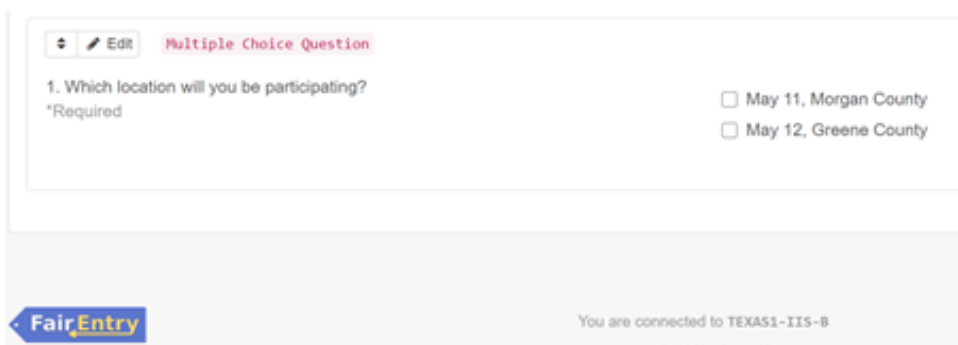
Contact the Cass-Morgan Farm Bureau with any questions.  
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**APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2021**

Jotform: <https://buff.ly/2XJMnJz>  
Google Form: <https://buff.ly/2XMnfln>  
Word document can be emailed.  
Email [cmfb1@frontier.com](mailto:cmfb1@frontier.com) for questions.

Fair Entry will go live on April 1 to make entries for Public Speaking and the CCGMS Horse Show only.

- CCGMS Horse Show is 11 a.m., May 16, Morgan County Fairgrounds.
- CCGMS Horse Show – there is a separate Fair Entry website to make your entries.
- For first-year members in cat, dog, horse, poultry, and rabbit, Quality Assurance, and Ethics Certification is required. If you have never taken the QAEC certification course, please log into <https://web.extension.illinois.edu/qaec/> and complete the course.
- Public Speaking - there are two locations you may choose to exhibit, 6 p.m. May 11 in Morgan or May 12 in Greene. When making your entry, Fair Entry will ask your desired location.



Multiple Choice Question

1. Which location will you be participating?  
\*Required

May 11, Morgan County

May 12, Greene County

FairEntry

You are connected to TEXAS1-115-B

Calhoun – <http://calhoun4-hfair.fairentry.com>

Cass – <http://cass4-hfair.fairentry.com>

Greene – <http://greene4-hfair.fairentry.com>

Morgan – <http://morgan4-hfair.fairentry.com>

Scott – <http://scott4-hfair.fairentry.com>

CCGMS Horse Show - <https://go.illinois.edu/CCGMSHorseShow>

Deadlines to register:

Public Speaking—May 3

Horse Show—May 12