

# Kansas State Youth Livestock Nomination Process



## 2021 UPDATES



### Livestock Quality Assurance Requirement (YQCA) Continues for ALL Exhibitors

ALL Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS exhibitors are required to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program to be eligible for either state show. This national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character development. Youth 7 and older (as of 1/1/2021) will need to participate in YQCA training annually, either through an instructor-led training or the online course. Members who are 7 years old need to attend an instructor-led course with a parent/guardian. The requirement for 7-year-olds exhibiting at KJLS will go into effect this year (2021).

**A copy of each child's YQCA certificate must be attached to the Declaration Form and submitted with their state nomination materials.** Nominations received without a YQCA certificate will be considered incomplete. Please visit [www.yqca.org](http://www.yqca.org) to register for training.

*\*Youth who have a valid Youth PQA+ number that is good through at least 10/3/2021 will not need to complete YQCA training this year. Their Youth PQA+ number will be accepted until it expires. Families will need to attach a copy of each child's Youth PQA+ card to their Declaration Form.*

### YQCA Required for 7-year-old KJLS Exhibitors

The YQCA requirement for 7-year-old KJLS exhibitors will go into effect for the 2021 show. This includes those exhibiting market animals, commercial females, or registered breeding animals.

### Verbiage Updated on Forms

The Declaration and Nomination Forms have been updated. Forms should be read in their entirety before being signed by the appropriate parties. **Reminder** – if animals are not housed at the exhibitor's primary residence, this must be disclosed on the Declaration Form and explained in Section 2.

### Gender Required on Sheep & Meat Goat Nominations

A gender field has been added to the sheep and meat goat nomination forms. Families will need to designate each animal as a wether, ewe, or doe, in addition to 4-H tag number, breed (sheep), and full scrapie tag #.

### KJLS Adding Berkshire Division to Swine

KJLS will be adding a Berkshire division to the swine show. Families may select that specific breed on their nomination form, rather than classifying those pigs as Dark AOB.

### "Extra" Forms Available

The "extra" nomination forms for swine, sheep, and meat goats are available to nominate more animals than there is space on the regular form (more than 4 swine or 5 sheep/meat goats). Therefore, if only the "extra" form is submitted, it will be returned as incomplete. DO NOT turn in the extra forms alone!

### ShowWorks Passport App

ShowWorks is the online entry system used by both state shows. Exhibitors are encouraged to download and use the new ShowWorks passport app. It allows you to manage exhibitors and entries across multiple shows.

### Online Nomination System in 2022

Exciting news - we will be transitioning to an online nomination system in 2022! This will streamline the process from nomination to entry, although both steps will continue to be required. Families will pay their nomination fee through purchasing DNA envelopes, submit exhibitor and animal information online through ShowWorks, then mail the signed DNA samples. No more paper forms! Watch for additional details in the coming months!