

Ethics Certification and Ethics Number Information 2026

As per the rules of the Manatee County Fair, each exhibitor must provide the fair with an Ethics number. The Ethics number is awarded to the exhibitor at the conclusion of completing an ethics class. Ethics classes are managed and facilitated by the Florida State Fair. Ethics certifications expire with the Florida State Fair after three years and must be renewed. The Manatee County Fair will honor the Ethics certification indefinitely once the certification has been awarded to an exhibitor, meaning the Manatee County Fair requires the class to be taken one time. Other fairs or shows may require a current certification, but Manatee County does not.

For information to register to attend a class, you need to visit the Florida State Fair website at <https://floridastatefairag.com/ethics/workshop/> to access the class (workshop) schedule AND register for the class. There is not a fee to take the class, but all classes require registration as many classes have capacity limits. Manatee County offers a class once a year in Veteran's Hall on the Manatee County Fairgrounds. This year the class is Saturday, October 18, 2025. You are not required to take the class in Manatee County, as classes are offered all over the state. Classes are added throughout the fall as demand requires.

Once you have completed the class, you will receive your ethics number via email. If you do not receive your letter within a week, you should check your spam folder or contact the Florida State Fair to receive your number.

If you have completed the class and have misplaced your number, you can access the number by calling the Florida State Fair AG office at 813-627-4340 or email them at Ethics@FloridaStateFair.com, as long as the number has not expired. **The number is only available through the program if the certificate is current (within three years of class completion).** If you misplace your number and it has expired, you must take the class again.

If you do not have your number at the time you set up your ShoWorks account, you should **enter the date you are registered to take the class. It is then YOUR responsibility to send the ethics number to the ShoWorks coordinator by December 15, 2025.** The email to submit your number is vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com. Do not wait until mid-December take a class and expect to have your number in time for the deadline. Your ethics number is required by December 15, 2025, not a date you are registered. Failure to send your ethics number by the deadline will result in disqualification from the fair.

If after reviewing this information, you can forward any questions to your Club Leader or FFA Advisor or email vquattlebaum@manateecountyfair.com