

I am excited for the opportunity to encourage my fellow Angus cattle women to become involved in and take advantage of the programs the Auxiliary has to offer.

While things continue to evolve and new ideas enhance the traditions of our past, we sometimes take for granted that all people in the Angus world fully understand what the Auxiliary works toward. Part of my goals with the Auxiliary is to enhance communications with those outside of the organization and bring a new level of understanding and knowledge to everyone involved. With that in mind, we are excited to have a new and updated website which will be more mobile friendly. I would also like to encourage each state to add the links of the Angus Gift Barn & Gifts that Sizzle onto their Angus state website.

Teaching the next generation

The Auxiliary guides and offers opportunities to the next generation of our Angus family — our juniors and new members. Auxiliary members can become more involved through committees, projects and officer positions. Our youth have several educational opportunities through the awards and programs sponsored by the Auxiliary. We want to ensure that the Auxiliary's mission will continue to be a prominent educational entity for our Angus members, regardless of age and background.

These educational opportunities are as follows:

Scholarships

The American Angus Auxiliary scholarships are presented annually. Ten scholarships will be awarded. The total amount awarded will range from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Each state auxiliary is entitled to submit one girl and one boy application for the national scholarship and must be submitted by the state or regional scholarship chairperson to the American Angus Auxiliary chairperson. The application for the American Angus Auxiliary Scholarships is available online [here](#). The postmark for applications from the state contact is May 1.

Spader Award

The winner of the senior division of the extemporaneous speaking contest receives a belt buckle from the American Angus Auxiliary in the name of Richard Spader.

Grote Award

The winners of the two intermediate divisions in the extemporaneous-speaking category receive a Harvey Rattey Pewter Sculpture from the American Angus Auxiliary in the name of Pat Grote.

Crystal Award

The American Angus Auxiliary sponsors the Janet Castle Crystal Award to promote and encourage participation in educational events. These contests allow all juniors, even those who might not show cattle, to participate in the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). Points are earned for placing and participation in the photography, graphic design, extemporaneous and prepared public speaking, team sales, creative

writing, quiz bowl, team marketing, career development, posters and the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American Certified Angus Beef® (CAB®) Cook-Off. Two awards are presented, one to the high-point boy and one to the high-point girl.

All-American CAB Cook-Off

The event, sponsored jointly by the American Angus Auxiliary, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), American Angus Association and Certified Angus Beef LLC, is hosted annually during the NJAS. The event is educational, competitive and fun. It provides an excellent way to educate and entertain nonparticipants, while promoting the ultimate end product — the CAB brand.

Certificates of Achievement

The certificate is issued to qualifying juniors for outstanding achievements at national, state and district (tri-county) levels. In a given year (from Oct. 1 of the previous year to Sept. 30 of the current year), a qualifying junior Angus member will receive one certificate. Achievements that qualify include champion or reserve champions; division or reserve division champions; awards in showmanship, judging, carcass classes, scholarship competitions, royalty competitions and all NJAA recognized competitions, including those at the NJAS. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards also qualify, as do leadership roles or positions that were held during that time. More information and forms can be found on our website at www.angusauxiliary.com.

We all have an opportunity to make a difference, whether it's on the scholarship committee or helping with the cook off contest. You can make an impact on our junior members, help improve our programs and receive the gratification of making a difference within our Auxiliary. It's time to get involved; we want and need you!

Enthusiastically,
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