

American Angus Auxiliary 2009 Scholarship Application

General Information for Chairpersons and Applicants

The American Angus Auxiliary scholarships are presented annually. Ten (10) scholarships will be awarded; first, second, third, fourth and fifth place awards will be given to both boy and girl qualified applicants in the amounts of \$1,700, \$1,600, \$1,500, \$1,400 and \$1,300, respectively. Scholarships may be defined as financial grants for which no equivalent work is required.

The recipients of the first place state awards shall be present, if possible, at the National Junior Angus Show in early July.

The scholarship application is the basis from which the candidates are chosen to compete for Miss American Angus. Each girl submitting a scholarship application will be required to complete a form declaring her intent to compete/not compete for Miss American Angus if given the opportunity. The five highest placing girls choosing to compete for Miss American Angus will be announced at the National Junior Show. These girls will be required to attend the Miss American Angus contest held mid-November in Louisville, Kentucky, in conjunction with the North American. The intent form and additional information on the role and requirements of Miss American Angus will be mailed to each girl applicant once her scholarship application is received.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Any unmarried girl and unmarried boy recommended by a state or regional Auxiliary are eligible for the scholarships if she or he meets the other qualifications. To retain the title of Miss American Angus, the winner must remain unmarried during her entire reign of one year and must follow the rules of Miss American Angus.
2. Applicants must have demonstrated an interest in Angus projects and have a part in such activities at the time of application. Applicants must be a member of the National Junior Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64506.
3. The applicant shall be a graduating high school senior. Anyone graduating from high school after the most recent completed contest is eligible for the next contest. The applicant may only apply in one state.

PROCEDURE

1. Interested applicants request the application packet from their respective state contact or download it from the American Angus Auxiliary website (www.angus.org/auxiliary or www.angusauxiliary.com)
2. The packet includes the following:
 - General Information for Chairperson and Applicants (this document)
 - Section Directions
 - Application
 - Frequently Asked Questions (website only)
3. The application must be submitted in typed form with the only attachments being pictures and clippings (see section directions for details). Applications that are not typed will not be accepted. Completed applications must be returned to the respective state/regional scholarship chairperson; check with your state's chairperson for specific deadlines. We recommend the completed application be mailed by USPS Priority Mail or some other express service with tracking/confirmation options. The applications will not be returned. If applicants want a copy please make one before sending it to the national chairperson.
4. Each state or regional Angus Auxiliary is entitled to submit one girl and one boy applicant for the national scholarships. The two applications must be submitted by the state or regional scholarship chairperson, including either a) a statement from state chairperson as to who their selections are or b) have the scholarship committee sign the applications and mark as their states' choice.

Application Suggestions:

- Look through the entire application first. This gives you the opportunity to put information in the correct category and avoid duplication.
- When listing activities, do so in chronological order, from past to most recent to show growth.
- Proofread and use spell check & grammar check. Ask parents and teachers to proofread for clarity.

Proof of Enrollment (applies only to national winners but provided as information for all applicants)

1. The national recipients of this award are not limited in the course of higher education they wish to pursue.
2. Checks will be forwarded to your college or university's financial aid office as soon as all national winners' proof of enrollment is received. **Proof of enrollment must be presented to the national scholarship chairperson by September 1 of the year they are named as winner.**
3. In the event that a circumstance arises that the winner of any of these awards cannot enroll in a school for additional education by the above deadline date, the award will be forfeited.
4. To retain the scholarship, a winner must complete at least one semester of full-time enrollment at a college, university or accredited technical program.
5. If the semester is not completed, money awarded must be refunded to the American Angus Auxiliary by the administering educational institution and mailed to the Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64506. Attention Richard Wilson.
6. If the recipient elects to transfer to another college/university/technical program, the remainder of the unused American Angus Auxiliary scholarship funds must be returned to the institution. Notification is to be mailed to the Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64506. Attention Richard Wilson.
7. If the recipient elects to withdraw from the college/university/accredited technical program, the remainder of the unused scholarship funds shall be refunded to the American Angus Auxiliary. Refund shall be mailed to the Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64506. Attention Richard Wilson.

Additions or Corrections

Additions, correction or clarifications may be made to these procedures and qualifications. Notification will be made by posting on the American Angus Auxiliary website at <http://www.angusauxiliary.com/>. Subsequent notifications take precedence over material included in this document.

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Section Directions

Scholarship Application

Please follow *carefully* to avoid point reduction and/or disqualification.

The following information is a section-by-section description of the information and guidelines for each section of the application.

Special Notes: The main application document is issued as a Microsoft Word document in order to provide a more “user-friendly” application. Please realize that any abuse of this flexibility, such as extremely small fonts, small margins or excessive additions to provided tables will not increase chances of winning. Adding pages, adding additional paperwork, not following directions, saying “*see attachment*” and not using the original format of the application or deviating from the application format in any way, **will** result in the loss of points during the scoring process.

The application must be sent to your state or regional chairperson by their deadline. Each state may then submit one male and one female application to the American Angus Auxiliary.

Cover or Binding

The original application is to be secured in a clear report cover. The six identical copies of the application are to be stapled in the upper left hand corner. The six copies should NOT be in a report cover of any kind.

Section 1 - Basic Information

Provide information as requested. Be sure to include your junior Angus membership code and sign the application.

Section 2 - Photos

The original application must include two identical, removable wallet size photos in spaces provided. Attach photos, do not scan them in. Photos on the six copies may be scanned into the document.

Section 3 - Biographical and Farm Background

This section is for informational purposes only and will not be used as award criteria. Limited to one page.

Section 4 - Angus Project and Activity Background

List specific Angus activities, number of years of participation, and any honors, awards and offices held as well as basic responsibilities. Limited to one page. If same activity you can list years together to provide more space.

Example:

Angus Organization/Activity	Years Participated	Honors, Awards, Offices
Ga. Junior Angus Assoc.	2006	President

Section 5 - School Activities

List specific activities, honors, awards, and offices. Limited to one page. If same activity you can list years together to provide more space.

Example:

School	Grade	Activity	Honors, Awards, Offices
Grantham H.S.	9	Cheerleader	Captain, Academic Letter

Section 6 - 4-H, FFA, and Other Agriculture Related Activities

Be selective and include only the most important information. Limited to one page. If same activity you can list years together to provide more space.

Example:

4-H/FFA/Other	Year	Activity	Honors, Awards, Offices
4-H Club	'06	Discovery Days	Class Instructor
FFA Chapter	'07	State Convention	Delegate
Cattlemen's Club	'01-08	Parliamentary Procedure Team	Captain, '07

Section 7 - Church, Community and Other Non-Ag Activities

List church, community and other organizations, activities and awards, honors and offices held. Limited to one page. If same activity you can list years together to provide more space.

Section 8 - Owned Junior Angus Show Records

List only your "owned" Angus shown in Junior Shows. Limited to no more than two pages. List all shows by type #1 - local/county, #2 - district/state, #3 - regional, #4 - national. List all #1 shows first, then #2, then #3, then #4. List by the number of the show (1,2,3,4) and chronologically within each category.

Example:

Show Type	Year	Bull/Female	Name of Show	Place
4	2006	Female	National Junior Show	1st

Section 9 - Bred-and-Owned Junior Angus Show Records

List only your "bred-and-owned" Angus shown in Junior Shows. All bred-and-owned Angus shown in Junior Shows should be recorded here, whether or not they were in a separate "bred and owned class". Limited to no more than two pages. List all shows by type #1 - local/county, #2 - district/state, #3 - regional, #4 - national. List all #1 shows first, then #2, then #3, then #4. List by the number of the show (1,2,3,4) and chronologically within each category.

Example: (same as section 8)

Section 10 - Open Show Records

List your Angus open show records only. Limited to no more than two pages. List all shows by type #1 - local/county, #2 - district/state, #3 - regional, #4 - national. List all #1 shows first, then #2, then #3, then #4. List by the number of the show (1,2,3,4) and chronologically within each category.

Section 11 - Showmanship Records

List the level of competition, specific event, year and placing. Limited to space provided. List all showmanship contests by type #1 - local/county, #2 - district/state, #3 - regional, #4 - national. List all #1 showmanship contests first, then #2, then #3, then #4. List by the number of the show (1,2,3,4) and chronologically within each category.

Section 12 - Livestock Judging Contests

List the level of competition, specific event, year and placing. Limited to space provided. List all contests by type #1 - local/county, #2 - district/state, #3 - regional, #4 - national. List all #1 contests first, then #2, then #3, then #4. List by the number of the contest (1,2,3,4) and chronologically within each category.

Section 13 - Angus Herd Improvement Records

List each year you are enrolled in AHIR, number of Angus cattle owned in that year, and how many of these are enrolled in AHIR. Limited to space provided.

Section 14 - Sale Consignments

List level of sale, tell whether it is a public or private treaty sale (and name of sale if appropriate), year, and number of cattle sold. Limited to space provided. List all sales consignments by type #1 - local/county, #2 - district/state, #3 - regional, #4 - national. List all #1 sales first, then #2, then #3, then #4. List by the number of the sale (1,2,3,4) and chronologically within each category.

Example:

Level	Public/Private Treaty	Name of Sale	Year	# of Cattle Sold
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1	Private Treaty		2003	1
3	Public	Just Neighbors Elite Sale	2005	10

Section 15 - Story

Maximum of 300 words may be used. Describe Angus in your present farm operations, what Angus cattle have meant to you, learning experiences, your farm program, your ambitions and future plans. Try to answer these questions creatively, while telling how your Angus involvement has evolved and how you have grown over the years.

Section 16 – Pictures – You, your Angus projects and activities

Limited to two (2) pages. Briefly caption and date your pictures. Due to photocopying for judges, DO NOT LAYER or FOLD! Pictures and clippings of your Angus projects are most important. Space is limited to two pages, so choose pictures carefully. Finished photo should be no smaller than 2.5”x 2.5” (color copiers and printers do this very well). Use creative captions. Limit cattle showing photos to 2 or 3, and include other junior Angus activities, community and church involvement. Again, show how you have grown over the years. Cropping pictures is acceptable (crop before reducing). Pictures may be inserted electronically, but be sure the quality is good and the printed version does not extend beyond two picture pages. It is suggested that applicants use color photos or color copied photo pages (the six copies that are used by judges).

Section 17 - News Clippings

Include newspaper and magazine clippings about your Angus projects. Clippings may be photo-reduced as long as they are still readable. Please do not layer clippings due to the photo-copying that will be done for the judges. Limit to one page.

Section 18 – Transcript and Grade Information

Please print out the “Letter to Guidance Counselor/Principal” included at the end of the application document. Provide the page to the appropriate person at your high school and ask him/her to fill in the information as well as provide requested “official” transcript(s). Include the completed form, with transcripts attached, after the page for Section 18.

Section 19 - Personal References

Three (3) references are to be completed and mailed directly from the reference source to the state scholarship chairperson. It would be helpful to provide each reference source a stamped envelope, addressed to the scholarship chairperson. Be sure to also edit the appropriate lines with the actual name and address of your chairperson as well as the deadline. The references must be submitted and received by the state scholarship chairperson by the application deadline. Please provide the “Reference Form” – included at the end of the application document – to each reference source.

Choose three references from any of the five following categories – do not use multiples from more than one of the specific five categories listed:

- 1) county agent, FFA instructor, 4-H club adult, Beef Livestock Association Advisor
- 2) school principal, superintendent, counselor, or instructor
- 3) minister or church youth advisor
- 4) employer
- 5) Angus breeder

For references select someone who knows you well. It is also helpful to provide them with your resume. Allow them plenty of time (4 to 6 weeks) to complete the reference form and a reference letter. It is good to contact them a week before the deadline to check if both the form and letter have been sent to the state scholarship chairperson.