

ANGUS FOUNDATION 2016 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

December 1, 2015

To advance its mission of supporting education, youth and research, the Angus Foundation will award general scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in higher education. Awards consisting of two \$5,000 scholarships in honor of Richard L. Spader, former Executive Vice President of the American Angus Association; a number of general \$3,000 and \$1,000 scholarships; and donor-named scholarships will be available. No equivalent work will be required from the scholarship recipients. Winners will be announced at the 2016 National Junior Angus Show.

Once a qualified applicant's application has been determined complete and eligible for review, it will be considered by the Angus Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee comprised of two Angus Foundation representatives, two Angus industry representatives and one National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) representative. Emphasis will be placed on an applicant's current and/or past involvement in Junior Angus activities at the local, state and national levels.

Applicant Qualifications

1. Applicants must have at one time been a National Junior Angus Association member and must currently be a Junior, Regular or Life member of the American Angus Association.
2. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or must be enrolled in a junior college, four-year college/university or other accredited institution of higher education for the fall term in which the scholarship is to be awarded. Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA (accumulative) to be eligible.
3. The applicant cannot have reached their 25th birthday prior to January 1 of the year of application.
4. The scholarship must be applied to undergraduate studies and is applicable to any field of study.
5. If selected to receive a scholarship by the Angus Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee, the scholarship applicant will be required to verify their enrollment in an institution of higher education by September 30 before the scholarship award check can be issued. Failure to meet enrollment requirements will result in forfeiture of the scholarship.
6. Should the recipient fail to complete at least one semester of full-time enrollment in an accredited or approved institution of higher education prior to June 30, 2017, for any reason, scholarship funds must be refunded to the Angus Foundation.
7. *Applicants can ONLY receive Angus Foundation general scholarships twice. Application MUST be made each year. Recipients of the two \$5,000 Spader scholarships will be ineligible for Angus Foundation general scholarships in subsequent years. Past applicants and recipients of Angus Foundation general scholarships can continue to apply for named scholarships unless specified otherwise by the Angus Foundation. This application applies to the Angus Foundation's general scholarships and named scholarships that the applicant may be eligible to be considered as determined by the Angus Foundation.*

Instructions for Completing Application

Application is an interactive form that contains fields you can select or fill in. The pointer will change to an I-beam where you can type text into the form field. These fields are set to allow a set amount of data and are not dynamic. If your text amount exceeds this limit, it will not be accepted. Check your data to ensure you have not exceeded the limit and revise your answers to meet the space allotted, if necessary. **No additional comments will be accepted.** When you are finished, print the pages, sign and date by hand and return them with the other required documents.

The application may be reproduced on your computer, but the same allotted space must be given to each of the items and questions in the application. **APPLICATION MUST NOT EXCEED SIX (6) PAGES IN LENGTH.**

Your application MUST include a copy of your most current official high school or college/university transcript. High school transcripts will only be accepted for incoming freshman. All continuing students will need to send a copy of their most current college/university transcript. The transcript(s) MUST be included with the scholarship application when mailed to the Angus Foundation. Transcripts sent separate from the scholarship application will not be accepted.

Your application MUST include three letters of recommendation. At least one letter of recommendation MUST be from your state's Junior Angus Association advisor OR state Angus association officer or director endorsing the applicant. Two recommendations may come from employers, teachers, ag leaders, extension agents, veterinarians, pastors, etc. They may NOT include applicants, parents, American Angus Association board of directors or American Angus Association employees and/or related entities. Individuals writing recommendation letters should include their association with the applicant and a candid evaluation of the applicant's abilities, background, character, strengths, weaknesses, etc. **All three letters of recommendation MUST be included with the application when it is mailed to the Angus Foundation. Letters of recommendation sent separate from the scholarship application will not be accepted.**

May 1, 2016, is the absolute deadline for mailing applications. NOTE: With regard to this deadline, materials mailed must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before May 1. Applications, privately metered, will not be accepted. Letters of recommendation and transcripts are required to be sent with the official scholarship application. We request this in order to help insure that applicants submit a complete and eligible application to the Angus Foundation.

IMPORTANT FINAL REMINDER: For a scholarship application to be considered complete and eligible for review by the Angus Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee, the application MUST:

- 1) Use 2016 application.
- 2) Be signed and dated by the applicant.
- 3) Include three letters of recommendation (see restrictions above).
- 4) Be U.S. Postal Service postmarked by May 1 of the application year.
- 5) Include copy of most current transcript.
- 6) Application must be completed from the PDF, printed and signed.
- 7) Mail completed application and ALL attachments to Angus Foundation, 3201 Frederick Avenue, St. Joseph, MO 64506.

Feel free to contact the Angus Foundation at 816/383-5100 if you have any questions.

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Biographical and Background Information

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Male ___ Female ___

Home Address _____

School Address _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____ AAA Member Code _____

Number of years in AAA/NJAA _____ State Junior AA _____ 4-H _____ FFA _____

The following questions are intended to provide added insight into the applicant's background in the beef cattle industry.

Were you raised on a farm? _____ town? _____ suburban area? _____

If on a farm, how many acres of pasture? _____ hay? _____

row crops? _____ other? _____ (specify) _____

How many head of registered Angus (family)? _____ other breeds? _____

commercial cattle? _____ other species? _____

How many head of registered Angus (applicant)? _____ other breeds? _____

commercial cattle? _____ other species? _____

How will you pay for your college education? (Explain any additional scholarships, parental assistance, work study, financial aid, personal income and work, projects.) Have you received Angus Foundation scholarships previously?

Section 1 – Academic Achievements – High School and/or College – 10 pts.

High School _____ Graduation date _____

Class rank _____ Class size _____ High School GPA (accumulative) _____ ACT/SAT score _____

College/University _____ Graduation date _____

Academic Major(s) _____ College GPA (accumulative) _____

Briefly describe your academic major/specialization:

Section 4 – FFA, 4-H and Other Agricultural Organization Involvement – 10 pts.

List your involvement in 4-H, FFA and other agricultural related organizations (i.e., beef associations, trade associations, etc.) and activities. Include leadership positions, committees, honors, competitive contests and other notable awards and accomplishments of the national, state, regional and local levels.

Year(s)	Association/Organization	Offices, Committees, Honors and Awards

Section 5 - Other High School/Collegiate Organizations, Community, Civic and Church Activities – 5 pts.

List current and past involvement including leadership positions held, honors, awards and committees, brief examples of how your accomplishments have helped others, as well as any significant contributions you have made to the organization (i.e., student government, academic, social, professional, etc.).

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Section 6 – Application of Livestock Industry Knowledge and Angus Experience – 15 pts.

Briefly summarize your experience and knowledge in livestock production, marketing, judging and any other aspect of the livestock industry. (The maximum length for this question is 2,500 characters.)

Identify an issue of concern to the beef industry and offer your recommendation(s) to solving that challenge which results in a positive outcome for beef producers. (The maximum length for this question is 2,500 characters.)

Section 7 – Leadership and Future Plans – 10 pts.

Describe your leadership potential, career goals and ambitions for the future. How will you promote, advocate and support the Angus breed and beef cattle industry in your plans? (The maximum length for this question is 4,500 characters.)

Section 7 – General Effect – 10 pts. – Internal Use Only – (2016)

Applications will be judged and scored on overall general effect and impact by each member of the Angus Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee.

I hereby confirm that all information submitted in this application is accurate and truthful.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____