

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Apply for 2019 BLI

Applications for the 12th annual Beef Leaders Institute (BLI), June 17-21, 2019, are now being accepted.

Sponsored by Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) and the Angus Foundation, BLI is designed for American Angus Association members, 25-45 years old, as a way to provide insight to all segments of the beef industry. Attendees will be stronger, more effective leaders for the Angus breed and beef industry, now and in the future.

The Association will provide transportation, lodging, meals and materials during BLI. Attendees will be responsible for round-trip transportation from their home and the beginning and ending points.

BLI is limited to 20 attendees each year. Applications are available online at www.angus.org/event/BLIEntryForm.aspx or by contacting Caitlyn Brandt in the Events and Education Department at cbrandt@angus.org. The final deadline to apply is Feb. 15.

For more information, contact the Events & Education Department at 816-383-5100 or Caitlyn Brandt, events coordinator at cbrandt@angus.org.

Watch "I Am Angus"

Minnie Lou Bradley. Dave Nichols. Tom Burke. Mick Colvin. Dr. David Hawkins. Though inducted into the famed Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Gallery for different reasons, all have contributed in substantial ways to the Angus business and cattle industry as a whole.

This year's "I Am Angus | The Art of Greatness" — produced by the

American Angus Association — explores the meaning of greatness through the portraits of the cattle industry leaders: Bradley, Nichols, Burke, Colvin and Hawkins.

Following the Christmas Eve premiere, the film was made available on the YouTube channel — Angus TV.

"The Saddle and Sirloin Portrait Gallery is one of the most prestigious honors available in the cattle industry," says Josh Comminellis, Association video production director. "We are thrilled to showcase these five icons and dig into what makes each one great in his or her own way."

Subscribe to the Angus TV YouTube channel to keep up with all past and upcoming Angus videos.

Raising the Bar conference

This year, the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) will be in the Little Apple March 21-24, 2019, for Raising the Bar.

The conference is designed to build stronger leaders and create lasting friendships while exploring secondary education options. Participants will also tour farms and ranches in the area and other Manhattan attractions.

Registration deadline is March 1. No parents or state advisors will be allowed to attend.

Phenotype and Genotype Show

The Phenotype and Genotype Show (PGS) will be hosted in conjunction with both the 2019 Western Regional Junior Angus Show (WRJAS) in Reno, Nev., and Eastern

Regional Junior Angus Show (ERJAS) in Timonium, Md.

This show creates another avenue for junior members to show their heifers in an additional competition while providing an educational opportunity to learn about the value of expected progeny differences (EPDs) as part of the process in selecting seedstock.

Animals entered in the PGS will be evaluated by a judge under a system that requires both genotypes and phenotypes to be considered. The results will be a composite score where the genotype (EPD) placings and phenotype placings will be equally weighted at 50%. For more information, visit www.angus.org/njaa.

Entry and ownership deadline for WRJAS is March 1 and the ERJAS, entry and ownership deadline is May 1.

Nominate individuals

Any state junior Angus association can nominate its advisor(s) to be honored as the NJAA Advisor(s) of the Year. The award is presented at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and recognizes the time, effort and dedication nominated adult volunteers give to their state junior Angus association.

Individuals can also nominate Angus enthusiasts for the Honorary Angus Foundation. This award is also presented during the NJAS and recognizes those who have made extraordinary contributions to junior Angus programs.

Nomination forms are available by contacting the Events and Education Department at 816-383-5100. Nominations for both honors are due to the Events and Education

Department by March 1.

Auxiliary scholarships

The American Angus Auxiliary annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The postmark deadline for the national contest is May 1.

Junior Angus members must first be chosen as a state auxiliary scholarship winner before advancing to the national competition.

Applications are available at www.angusauxiliary.com. State Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are listed in this issue on page 258.

Foundation scholarships

The Angus Foundation will award a number of undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2019 NJAS in Louisville, Ky.

The eligibility requirements for the general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from high school or in college currently may also be eligible for other Angus-related scholarships that are permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Foundation will make available graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing advanced degrees.

Applicants must have at one time been an NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

The Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate student scholarship application and guidelines are available at www.angusfoundation.org.

The application deadline is May 1. For more information, contact the

Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

G designated for 2019

International letters are designated for each year of birth for livestock identification (ID). These designated letters are an easy option to use in conjunction with numbers when permanently identifying animals. For example, G001 and G002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2019.

Using the international letter code is optional for Angus breeders.

For information about permanent ID (Rule 105) and naming animals (Rules 102 and 107), access the Breeder's Reference Guide (BRG).

To access the BRG from www.angus.org, click on "Member Services," in the pull-down menu under "Member Center."

Updated foot score EPDs

Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) and the Association have released the updated foot score research EPDs in light of continued data collection.

To find the latest research EPDs for foot angle and claw set on artificial insemination (AI) sires with a 0.40 accuracy or above for both traits, visit www.angus.org/Nce/Definitions.aspx.

Custom cattle tags

Cattle producers looking for affordable ways to identify their herd can visit www.customcattletags.com, a service provided by the American Angus Association. Custom Cattle Tags provides high-quality, low-cost, customized ear tags, Tissue Sampling Units (TSUs), sale tags and 840 RFID tags for cattle producers across the United States.

Black Books available

Members, get your two free 2019 Angus Black Books. The pocket-sized books include a calendar as well as space to keep management

At a glance

FEBRUARY 2019

15 BLI application deadline

MARCH 2019

1 Nominations for Advisors of the Year due

1 Nominations Honorary Angus Foundation recipients due

1 Raising the Bar conference registration deadline

1 WRJAS Phenotype and Genotype Show entry and ownership deadline

21-24 Raising the Bar conference

MAY 2019

1 American Angus Auxiliary scholarship applications due

1 Angus Foundation scholarship applications due

1 ERJAS Phenotype and Genotype Show entry and ownership deadline

records on your cow herd. Orders of more than two are available for \$3.25 each. Each book is customized with the Association's logo and contact information on the back cover.

To order, contact the Association at 816-383-5100 or email blackbooks@angus.org.

MaternalPlus incentives

The Association is offering cash-back incentives for herds enrolling in the MaternalPlus® program.

Incentives include:

- Introductory 5% cash back on Association fees once a producer completes the first year's enrollment.
- An extra 2.5% cash back each subsequent year a re-enrollment is completed until

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CURRENT ASSOCIATION FEES

Following are the correct fees for various American Angus Association services. Be sure to send the correct amount of money with the work being requested, as incorrect payments are the main cause of delays.

REGISTRATIONS

Applications for animals less than 4 months of age	\$7
Applications for animals 4-10 months of age	\$9
Applications for animals 10-12 months of age	\$14
Applications for animals more than 12 months of age	\$27

TRANSFERS

Applications received less than 30 days from sale date	\$5
Applications received 30-60 days from sale date.....	\$7
Applications received more than 60 days from sale date	\$12

MISCELLANEOUS

Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) fee (per first weight submitted)	\$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate.....	\$10
Regular annual membership	\$80
Regular annual membership with Angus Journal subscription.....	\$130
Lifetime membership (optional to pay in three \$500/year installments).....	\$1,500
Junior annual membership (less than 21 years of age).....	\$20
Embryo-transfer (ET) calf..... regular registration fee plus	\$10
Cell-clone transplant calf..... regular registration fee plus	\$50

Rules of the American Angus Association are included in the Breeder's Reference Guide. Free copies are available from the Association. An online version is available through the "Rules and Forms" link at www.angus.org.

BREEDER'S REFERENCE

Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

SYMBOL MEANING

#	Pathfinder cow or Pathfinder sire
+	Embryo transfer calf
^	Cell clone
%	Split-ET
@	Clone-ET
*	Parentage qualified to both parents and the mating

The American Angus Association currently recognizes the following genetic conditions:

CODE MEANING

AM	Arthrogryposis multiplex
CA	Contractural arachnodactyly
D2	PRKG2 gene mutation for dwarfism
DD	Developmental duplication
DM	Double muscling
DW	Dwarfism
HG	Horn gene
HI	Heterochromia irides
M1	nt821 mutation for double muscling
NH	Neuropathic hydrocephalus
OH	Oculocutaneous hypopigmentation
OS	Osteopetrosis
RD	Red gene
SN	Syndactyly
WT	Wild type color gene

The following single-letter descriptors appearing after a genetic condition code shall have the following meaning:

- P - refers to a "potential" carrier based on an ancestor known to carry that specific mutation.
- F - refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be "free" of that specific mutation.
- C - refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a "carrier" of that specific mutation.
- A - refers to an animal tested for one or more genetic conditions and determined to be a carrier of two copies of that specific mutation. It may or may not exhibit the phenotype associated with that genetic condition.

The following letter designations describe cases in which there is more than one genetic condition present:

- XF - Free of more than one genetic condition.
- XC - Carrier of more than one genetic condition.
- XA - Affected of more than one genetic condition.
- RTF - Recessive trait free (produced 35 or more calves from daughters without a genetic defect).

150,000 females are enrolled in the program.

Association fees eligible for the cash-back rebate include membership, registration, transfer and Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) submitted and paid for in the previous 12 months.

To learn more about MaternalPlus, visit www.angus.org or AAA Login.

The Angus Report

The Angus Report delivers Association and industry news each week on RFD-TV. Catch the original broadcast at 7:30 a.m. CDT Monday morning. Each program is rebroadcast Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

State Angus associations, publications, breeders and others looking for website content are encouraged to post segments on their websites. Videos will be updated regularly at www.angus.org and through the Association's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Purchase photos online

While in the show ring or covering events, Angus staff capture thousands of photos. Many can be found at <https://photo.angus.org>.

The Association recently released new prices and offers digital downloads, photo prints and other gift items, such as magnets, photo books, keychains and more. Contact the Communications Department at prphotos@angus.org or 816-383-5100 for more information. **AJ**