

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS

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Check voting eligibility

American Angus Association members wanting to participate in the Board of Directors election and other business this fall need to meet four eligibility requirements before 4:30 p.m. CDT April 8.

According to Association bylaws, only eligible voting members can nominate, be nominated, vote or be elected in the annual election of delegates. To participate in the electoral process and other business during the 139th Annual Convention of Delegates, a member must be considered an eligible voting member and must meet all of the following requirements by 4:30 p.m. CDT April 8:

- Active regular or life membership (dues paid in full)
- 18 years of age or older

- Registered at least one animal or completed at least \$250 of business with the Association or Angus Genetics Inc. (AGI) within the preceding 12 months from when the nomination period begins (from April 11, 2021, to April 8, 2022)
- Be current with all financial obligations to the American Angus Association and all of its subsidiaries when the nominating period begins.

It is encouraged to submit all necessary requirements with sufficient time for completion prior to April 8. Only active regular and life members who qualify as eligible voting members prior to 4:30 p.m. CDT April 8 will receive delegate nomination forms.

Contact the Association at 816-383-5100 with any questions, or reference the bylaws of the Association online at www.angus.org, referring to the applicable “Section 3.6: Determination of Eligible Voting Members” in “Article III: Convention of Delegates.”

The 139th Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, during the Angus Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Online registration for the convention will begin July 1 at www.angusconvention.com.

Delegate nomination forms

Preparations are being made for the American Angus Association’s 2022 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Salt Lake City, Utah. Forms to nominate delegates to the annual meeting will

be mailed to every active life and regular member of the Association who qualifies as an eligible voting member prior to April 8, according to the Bylaws.

The nomination period is April 11-June 10. Each eligible voting member is allowed to nominate one eligible voting member who resides in the same state or district, including himself or herself.

The candidate should be highly involved in the Angus business, willing to attend the meeting and able to represent Angus breeders.

Signed nomination forms must be received in the Association office by mail or online submission no later than 4:30 p.m. CDT June 10, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to all eligible voting members in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the form, please return it promptly.

Biggest Show on Dirt

The 2022 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) will take place July 2-9 in Kansas City.

More than 1,200 head of cattle are expected to compete in the show ring at this year’s NJAS, themed “Biggest Show on Dirt.”

The classes offered will provide opportunities for juniors to exhibit their owned heifers, bred-and-owned (B&O) heifers, cow-calf pairs, steers, B&O bulls and Phenotype and Genotype Show (PGS) females.

Transfer assistance

If you know of a junior member

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who has purchased or raised a heifer he or she wants to show, please make note of all ownership deadlines.

If a deadline is approaching and you have not received the transferred registration, the Association can help. Contact the Association at least two weeks prior to the show ownership deadline. Every effort will be made to get the transfer processed in time. Remember, late transfers are never accepted, regardless of the reason or circumstances.

K designated for 2022

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, K001 and K002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2022.

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.

To access the Breeder's Reference Guide from www.angus.org, click on "Member Services," in the pull-down menu under "Member Center."

Regional manager internship

The American Angus Association's field services team is offering a fall internship designed to enhance a student's abilities to build effective relationships, craft a promotional strategy and learn about the Angus business and cattle industry.

From assisting with herd visits and securing advertising in the *Angus Journal* and *Angus Beef Bulletin* to providing insight to producers and more, the regional manager

intern will gain valuable hands-on, real-world experience in the Angus business. Applicants should have a basic understanding of the cattle industry, be eager to learn and have a willingness to travel.

Applications are being accepted from college juniors or seniors studying animal science, agricultural business or other agricultural-related major. Candidates should be outgoing, able to work well with all types of people and a self-starter.

The internship begins in August and extends through early December. The intern would be based at the American Angus Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., with opportunities to travel.

Students who wish to apply should

upload their résumé, cover letter and references to the career center at www.angus.org/careers by April 1, 2022. Visit www.angus.org/careers for full internship descriptions and requirements.

Angus Foundation scholarships

The Angus Foundation will award undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2022 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Kansas City, Mo.

Eligibility requirements for the general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus youth who are graduating from high

In recognition

These American Angus Association employees were recognized for **five years** at the Association. Pictured are Ashley Blumer, Caitlyn Brandt and Kelli Retallick.

These American Angus Association employees were recognized for **10 years** at the Association. Pictured are Kasey Brown and Tanya Knadler.

Recognized for **15 years** at the Association are pictured Melinda Cordell and Julie Martinez.

Amber Wahlgren was recognized for **20 years** at the American Angus Association.

These American Angus Association employees were recognized for **25 years** at the Association. Pictured are Debbie Jacobs and Pam Osborn.

These American Angus Association employees were recognized for **30 years** at the Association. Pictured are Bruce Buntin and Judy Steinman.

Mary Black was recognized for **35 years** at the American Angus Association.

Sharon Mayes was recognized for **40 years** at the American Angus Association.

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Ashley Blumer



Caitlyn Brandt



Kelli Retallick

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Kasey Brown



Tanya Knadler

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Melinda Cordell



Julie Martinez

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Amber Wahlgren

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Debbie Jacobs



Pam Osborn

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Bruce Buntin

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Judy Steinman



Mary Black

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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	\$12
Applications for animals 4-10 months of age	\$14
Applications for animals 10-12 months of age	\$19
Applications for animals more than 12 months of age	\$32

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).

school or in college currently may also be eligible for other scholarships permanently endowed and managed by the Angus Foundation.

The Angus Foundation will also 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 National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) member and 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.

Angus Foundation undergraduate and graduate student scholarship applications are available at www.angusfoundation.org.

The application deadline is May 1. For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

Raising the Bar conference

The NJAA will host "Angus Raids Lubbock" Raising the Bar conference, March 31-April 3, in Lubbock, Texas.

Participants will tour the Texas Tech University campus, visit local farms and ranches, and participate in workshops and networking.

Registration deadline is March 4. Visit www.njaa.info for the registration form and more information. No parents or state advisors will be allowed to attend.

Herds of the century

The Century Award recognizes members who have been in continuous production of registered Angus cattle for 100 years or more.

Award recipients are recognized with an engraved plaque at the Association's Annual Awards Banquet, a notice in the *Angus Journal* and a

place on a list maintained on the Association's website.

Applications are available online at www.angus.org/Customer/AwardsAndRecognitions or by contacting the Events and Education Department, and are due by June 1 to be recognized in 2022. This year's awards will be presented during the 2022 Angus Convention.

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 and state Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are available at www.angusauxiliary.com.

Report new leaders

State and regional Angus associations should submit officer listings to the Association by May 1 for listing on www.angus.org. Listings may include association name, current officers, auxiliary officers, contact information and website.

If you haven't received an email to update your association's listing, contact Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5100 or at lmaudlin@angus.org.

Pathfinder Report

The American Angus Association 2022 Pathfinder® Report became available early February. Outstanding females and bulls are listed in the report, and, more importantly, the breeders who are keeping Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR®) of performance are identified as owners of Pathfinder Cows and Pathfinder Sires. The 2022 report

includes 7,636 cows and 266 sires.

The online report and more information can be found at www.angus.org/performance/pathfinderinformation. To request a printed copy, contact Brenda Weigart at the Association at bweigart@angus.org or 816-383-5144.

2022 Angus Convention

Mark your calendars to attend the 2022 Angus Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 5-7.

Booth information is available at www.angusconvention.com. Registration and hotel blocks will open July 1.

The convention offers producers and industry leaders opportunities for networking, education and breed improvement, in addition to conducting the business of the American Angus Association.

Sale/field-day kit

Producers planning a summer field day or a fall sale can request a sale-day kit or field-day planner and kit from the American Angus Association. Go online and visit The Angus Brand at <https://shop.angus.org/> to find educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs. Printed literature is still free, but will now include the cost of shipping.

Colvin Scholarships applications due

Developed in 1999, when Louis M. "Mick" Colvin retired as the executive director of Certified Angus Beef (CAB), the Colvin Scholarship Fund recognizes his role in making dreams a reality and inspiring others to be their best. Colvin co-founded the *Certified Angus Beef*® brand in 1978, leading it to provide the world's leading brand of fresh beef. The

scholarship fund benefits tomorrow's leaders who are involved in their communities and the beef industry.

Several scholarships are available for undergrad, graduate and trade school students. The deadline to apply is April 29, 2022. Application details available at www.certifiedangusbeef.com/press/colvin/index.php.

CAB Rural Relief Fund sends aid

This December Mother Nature dealt blows across cattle country, and in response, those in the greater beef community came together to help.

The CAB Rural Relief Fund donated more than \$80,000 to farmers and ranchers in Kansas and Kentucky following extreme weather that caused devastation for numerous cattlemen.

"We see it all the time: the beef industry is the best industry. We were grateful to serve as a place that people at various points in the beef production chain could come together and help their 'neighbors'," says Nicole Erceg, CAB director of communications.

The Kansas Livestock Association Federation received \$75,000 from the CAB fund, following several individual donations and a large lump sum that boosted the fund's ability to support those affected by the blaze that touched a four-county area.

Another \$5,000 went to the Kentucky Cattleman's Association's Foundation to help those producers who suffered losses after a number of devastating tornados mid-December.

For more information on the Rural Relief Fund or to make a donation yourself, visit <https://shop.certifiedangusbeef.com/>. 