

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 7.

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 140th 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 7:

- 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 10, 2022, to April 7, 2023)
- 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 7. Only active regular and life members who qualify as eligible voting members prior to 4:30 p.m. CDT April 7 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 140th Annual Convention of Delegates will be Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, during the Angus Convention in Orlando, Fla.

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 2023 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Orlando, Fla. 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 7, according to the Bylaws.

The nomination period is April 10-June 9. 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 9, 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.

Be part of the conversation



Connect breeders to the conversations happening in the

Angus breed — that was the main goal when the Angus Journal team launched The Angus Conversation late last summer.

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NJAS: Guardians of the Plains



The 2023 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) will take place July 1-8 in

Grand Island, Neb.

More than 1,200 head of cattle are expected to compete in the show ring at this year's NJAS, themed "Guardians of the Plains."

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.

Visit <http://www.njas.info/> for more information.

Transfer assistance

If you know of a junior member 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.

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, 2023. Visit www.angus.org/careers

for full internship descriptions and requirements.

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 Junior Activities Department, and are due by June 1 to be recognized in 2023. This year's awards will be presented during the 2023 Angus Convention.

Auxiliary scholarships

The American Angus Auxiliary annually awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors. The 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,

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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) cal.....regular registration fee plus \$10
- Cell-clone transplant calf.....regular registration fee plus \$50

BREEDER'S REFERENCE Symbols are used with a registration number to denote important information about an animal.

SYMBOL MEANING

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

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.

DNA TESTING FEES

ANGUS GSSM POWERED BY NEOGEN[®]

- Neogen[®] Angus GSSM (includes Parentage)\$37
- Add Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color).....\$18
- Add Coat Color.....\$5
- Add AM Test.....\$8
- Add NH Test.....\$8
- Add CA Test.....\$8
- Add OS Test.....\$8
- Add DD Test.....\$10
- Add M1 Test.....\$10
- Add OH Test.....\$8
- Add Dwarfism (D2) Test.....\$10
- Add BVD Test (Hair or TSU Only).....\$4.50

ZOETIS[®] GENOMIC TESTS

- Zoetis[®] HD50K (includes Parentage).....\$37
- Add Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color).....\$18
- Add Coat Color.....\$5
- Add AM Test.....\$8
- Add NH Test.....\$8
- Add CA Test.....\$8
- Add OS Test.....\$8
- Add DD Test.....\$10
- Add M1 Test.....\$10
- Add OH Test.....\$8
- Add Dwarfism (D2) Test.....\$10
- Add BVD Test (Hair or TSU Only).....\$4.50

OTHER DNA TESTS

- Parentage.....\$18
- Genetic Condition Bundle (includes AM, NH, CA, OS, DD, M1, D2, OH, and Coat Color).....\$45
- Coat Color Test.....\$18
- Arthrogryposis Multiplex (AM) Test.....\$22
- Neuropathic Hydrocephalus (NH)Test.....\$22
- Contractural Arachnodactyly (CA) Test.....\$22
- Osteopetrosis (OS) Test.....\$22
- Developmental Duplication (DD) Test.....\$22
- Myostatin (M1) Test.....\$22
- Oculocutaneous Hypopigmentation (OH) Test....\$18
- Dwarfism (D2) Test.....\$22

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.

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).

contact Lea Ann Maudlin at 816-383-5100 or at lmaudlin@angus.org.

Pathfinder Report

The American Angus Association 2023 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 2023 report includes 7,862 cows and 264 sires.

The online report and more information can be found at www.angus.org/performance/pathfinderinformation.

2023 Angus Convention



Mark your calendars to attend the 2023 Angus

Convention in Orlando, Fla., Nov. 3-6, at Rosen Shingle Creek.

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 sale or summer field day 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 free but will include the cost of shipping.

L Designated for 2023

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 primary identifying animals. For example, L001 and L002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2023.

Using the international letter code is optional for Angus breeders.

For information about primary 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."

Angus Foundation scholarships

The Angus Foundation will award undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2023 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Grand Island, Neb.

New this year, the applications are available to National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) members through their AAA Login, similar to the National Junior Recognition Program Bronze and Silver award applications. The Angus Foundation's Certified Angus Beef/NJAA and commercial cattlemen scholarships will still be accessed at www.angusfoundation.org and submitted through email.

Eligibility requirements for the general Angus Foundation scholarships remain the same. Angus

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Gottswiller retires after three decades with the Association

by Miranda Reiman, director of digital content and strategy



It doesn't take long to see what's motivated Ginette Gottswiller in her career. Her heart has always been with commercial cattlemen.

"That's been my whole driving deal behind this: How can you keep people getting the most they can for the product that they have? I couldn't stay on the farm, but [this job] was a way for me to help some of those guys get more money for their cattle," she says.

Gottswiller retired in December after serving the American Angus Association for 30 years, most recently as director of verification services.

Art Butler, Spring Cove Ranch, Bliss, Idaho, calls her "an ambitious, hardworking gal, who is dedicated to what she does."

The young farm girl who didn't mind milking cows and saved for college by custom baling, graduated from nearby Missouri Western State University with degrees in animal science and ag economics. She lived in Chicago, worked for a grain buying company, managed men twice her age and even spent a short time as the owner of a balloon shop; but when Gottswiller walked into the American Angus Association in 1989, it clicked. For 13 years, she sold ads, wrote copy and helped breeders market their livestock as an advertising coordinator for the *Angus Journal*.

It felt like home, and she counted the people she served among her friends. The only thing that could pull her away? Her family and those acres of rolling Dekalb County ground they called home. Her then 4-year-old son, Seth; health challenges with her parents; and a sense she was needed there all explain the four-year hiatus she took from Association work. That is, until the Commercial Programs Department called.

"The reason I came back was because I was helping the commercial producers," she says. "We all knew the direction it was headed — that these cattle were better, and not just because they were black. I wanted to be part of that."

Source-and-age verification (SAV) became a popular topic in the early 2000s, and she helped cattlemen get set up to provide animals that met export requirements. Later that decade, process-verified programs (PVP) were added and she helped develop the framework for the Association's offerings. Branding evolved, and technology and program requirements changed to keep up with the times.

AngusLinkSM was born. Gottswiller helped shepherd the process along.

"I'll miss her enthusiasm, her determination. When she got it in her mind that something was going to happen, she tried her damndest to make it happen," says Kurt Kangas, Association regional manager. "She's just a good human and put her job first."

Gottswiller's retirement at the end of the year gives her more time on that home farm and a little freedom to explore a new way to help farmers and ranchers. She plans to add land appraiser to her resume.

Read her full story in the *Angus Beef Bulletin*[®].

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youth who are graduating from high 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 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.

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

Commercial cattlemen scholarship

The Angus Foundation will award four \$1,500 scholarships to undergraduate students who use Angus genetics in a commercial cattle operation's breeding program or whose parents use Angus genetics. Emphasis will be placed on applicants' knowledge of the cattle industry and perspective of the Angus breed.

The applicant or their parent/guardian must have transferred or been transferred an Angus registration paper in the last 36 months (on or after May 1, 2020) and must be considered commercial and not seedstock in their operation.

The scholarship applies to any field of study.

The application deadline is May 1, and can be downloaded at www.angusfoundation.org.

Fund the Future



The Angus Foundation recently launched the Fund the Future program designed to provide Angus breeders with a new avenue to ensure a bright future for the breed. The initiative gives the breeder a unique and flexible opportunity to give back from their own annual production, consignment, bull or online genetic sale. Animals offered through private treaty are also eligible.

Breeders participating in the program donate a percentage of their choice on both live or genetic sale lots. The Angus Foundation will provide the program logo and footnote to distinguish a Fund the Future lot in the breeder's sale book.

Participants will be recognized in the Angus Foundation Impact Report, the *Angus Journal* and on the Angus Foundation website.

When Angus breeders see an offering marked with the Fund the Future logo, they know a portion of its sale will be used to strengthen the breed by investing in its future. Proceeds will benefit the Angus Fund, which provides unrestricted dollars for the Angus Foundation's mission of supporting Angus education, youth and research.

A Legacy Built — 150 Years



The Angus Foundation is celebrating 150 years of George Grant bringing Angus bulls to America through its annual fund campaign. The "A Legacy Built" campaign asks

every member to give \$150 to the Angus Foundation to build unrestricted donations for Angus programs such as scholarships, youth conferences, educational programs, and research. A member can donate through the Angus Foundation website (www.angusfoundation.org), mail a check to the Angus Foundation or by a monthly pledge during Angus events.

NJAA entry and rule changes

With the 2023 show season in full swing, the NJAA wants to make junior members, parents and Angus breeders aware of some changes to the ownership deadlines that went into effect Jan. 1, 2023.

NJAA-sponsored shows are no longer accepting postmark dates for ownership.

For more information and details about this change and others for 2023, visit www.angus.org/pub/2023-letter-to-jr-membership.pdf or www.angus.org/njaa. 