

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.

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.

Transfer assistance

If you know of a junior member who has purchased or raised a heifer

At a glance

March-April	
30-April 2	Raising the Bar conference
May	
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June	
June 1	Application deadline for Herd of the Century award
July	
1-8	National Junior Angus Show, Guardians of the Plains

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.

National Junior Angus Show



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.

Check the NJAA website, www.angus.org/NJAA, for information on contest and cattle deadlines.

To support the NJAS, reach out to your regional manager or Events and Junior Activities Department for ways you can help.

New conversations live



Got questions on what's going on in the Angus breed? Hear from breeders, industry

experts and Association leadership on *The Angus Conversation* podcast.

New episodes drop every two weeks on all major podcast platforms.

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- From Judge Selection to the First Gene Edit on the Table: The Angus Board Recap
- Bennett, Henderson: Bad Water, Bad Grass and Creating Cattle that Work

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Follow the QR code to find these recent segments, or subscribe on your favorite podcast platform to be sure you never miss an episode.

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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.

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.

Angus Foundation scholarships

The Angus Foundation will award undergraduate and graduate scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2023 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 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.

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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 arachnodyctyly
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 Arachnodyctyly (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).

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.

Colvin scholarship applications open

Louis M. "Mick" Colvin left a legacy at Certified Angus Beef (CAB) after co-founding the brand in 1978 and leading the global beef brand for 22 years as the executive director. In his honor, the Colvin Scholarship Fund was established by CAB in 1999 to help students chasing career goals and inspiring the next leaders in the beef industry.

Last year, the brand awarded \$70,000 and introduced a new category: Production Agriculture for students pursuing trade school or an associate's degree, in addition to the Undergraduate and Graduate categories.

The top scholar in each category will earn \$7,500, with multiple additional scholarships up for grabs.

The deadline to apply is April 30. Application details are available at

www.certifiedangusbeef.com/press/colvin/index.php

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.

Angus Foundation — A Legacy Built

In celebration of George Grant bringing Angus bulls to America, the Angus Foundation has launched “A Legacy Built” campaign. “A Legacy Built” asks every Angus 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 at www.angusfoundation.org, mail a check to the Angus Foundation or by a monthly pledge during Angus events.


World Angus Technical Meeting

Registration for the World Angus Technical Meeting is open. The event, set to take place September 8-15 in Czechia, will feature a series of presentations, the national show, farm tours and more. For complete information and to register, visit www.worldangus2023.com.

The registration process will include accommodations, tours,

some meals and some transportation. For assistance with individual flight arrangements, any additional pre- or post-meeting travel, as well as coordinating travel with other attendees please contact:

Nicole Beck, Travel Agent
816-364-3232
nicole@auratravel.com
www.auratravel.com

To have the most flexibility and options for your trip, planning early is encouraged. 

Longevity awards

The American Angus Association recognized employees for their years of service during its Christmas party and Longevity Awards Banquet Dec. 16, 2022, in Saint Joseph, Mo.



Recognized for five years (from left) are Max Stewart, Jaycee Farmer, Lauren Hitch, Joy Geiger, Tara Adwell and Gail Lombardino. Not pictured is Mark McClain.



Recognized for 10 years (from left) are Cody Combs and Leann Schleicher. Not pictured are Kurt Kangas, Donald Korthanke and Radale Tiner.



Tammy Hurt (left) and Susan Bomar (right) were recognized for 20 years of service. Also pictured is Mark McCully, CEO.



Recognized for 25 years of service (from left) are Tammy Poirier, Shauna Hermel, Kathrin Gresham and Wendy Brown.



Ginette Gottswiller (left) was recognized for 30 years of service. Also pictured is Mark McCully.



Kris Sticken (left) was recognized for 40 years of service. Also pictured is Mark McCully.