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The non-profit corporation was organized in 1980 to develop, assist and sponsor educational programs and scientific research on topics related to agriculture. In practice, the Foundation has devoted most of its efforts to the education and leadership development of young Angus enthusiasts and to supporting projects of the National Junior Angus Assn. and its board.

Contributions to the organization, in whatever form they are made, qualify as income-tax exemptions. So far, money has been contributed to the Foundation as bequests, memorials, individual contributions and the donation of cattle for sale, notably the donation of a top-quality registered Angus heifer that is sold each year at the National Western Stock Show in Denver.

Officers and directors of the Foundation are composed of officers and members of the board of directors of the American Angus Assn.

The Association's interest in educating young people about the beef cattle business goes back to around the turn of the century when the Association began sponsoring clubs where young people learned how to care for, fit and show Angus steers and heifers.

It was not until 1956, however, that the junior activities department of the Association was organized and a full time director of junior activities was hired.

Over the years the Association took the leadership nationally in developing junior programs. Angus firsts include the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest, the National Junior Angus Show, the National Junior Angus Recognition program and the Junior Angus Summer Job program.

In the late 1970s it became evident that a program was needed to allow individuals to take part in the education of juniors and to contribute to useful leadership and educational events. Up until this time there was no way a person could make a tax-exempt contribution to programs that benefited young people involved in Angus work.

As a result, the Angus Foundation was chartered and approved by the IRS for just this purpose. If you would like to support the work of the Angus Foundation, contact Richard Wilson, director of finance for the Association. Your charitable contributions will be greatly appreciated by the thousands of young people who make up the National Junior Angus Assn. and by the tens of thousands of young people who will take their place as the American Angus Assn. moves into the 21st Century and beyond.

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