



# Association Highlights

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## Look for delegate petitions in the mail

Preparations are being made for the 2014 Annual Convention of Delegates this November in Kansas City, Mo. Forms to nominate delegates to the Annual Meeting

will be mailed to every active life and regular Association member during the last week of March.

The nomination period runs from April 1 to June 30. Each member is allowed to

nominate one eligible active life or regular 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 no later than June 30, at which time every qualified nominee will be included on a state ballot. State ballots will be mailed to the membership in July to vote for the final slate of state delegates. When you receive the petition, please return it promptly.

## Report new Association, Auxiliary officers

All local, state and regional Angus associations need to submit their new officer listings to the Association Public Relations (PR) and Communications Department by May 1 to ensure correct listings at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

Listings will include association name, current officers, contact information and website, if applicable. If you haven't received a form to update your association's officer listing, contact the PR and Communications Department at 816-383-5100 or [prphotos@angus.org](mailto:prphotos@angus.org).

State auxiliary information is also being requested in the same mailing. Please be sure to complete both forms and return them in a timely manner.

## Apply for Auxiliary scholarships now

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](http://www.angusauxiliary.com). State Angus auxiliary scholarship contacts are also listed online. For more information, contact Lynne Hinrichsen, American Angus Auxiliary president-elect and scholarship chairman at [rlangus@bluevalley.net](mailto:rlangus@bluevalley.net).

## Foundation scholarship applications available

The Angus Foundation will again award a number of undergraduate and graduate

## ASSOCIATION FEES

### 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 weaning weight) .....	\$3
Artificial insemination (AI) service certificate .....	\$10
Regular annual membership .....	\$80
Regular annual membership with <i>Angus Journal</i> 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](http://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

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
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).

scholarships this year. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the 2014 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) in Indianapolis, Ind.

The eligibility requirements for these 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 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 a National Junior Angus Association (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](http://www.angusfoundation.org). The application deadline is May 1.

For more information contact the Angus Foundation at 816-383-5100.

### **Association can help with junior transfers**

If you know of a junior member who has purchased or raised a heifer that he or she wants to show, please make note of all ownership deadlines. If a deadline is fast approaching and you haven't 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.

### **Note these junior events, deadlines**

#### **May 1:**

- Gold Award applications
- Outstanding Leadership Award applications
- Ownership and entry for the Northwest Regional Preview Junior Angus Show
- Angus Foundation and Certified Angus Beef LLC (CAB) scholarship applications
- Ownership & entry deadline for the Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show

#### **May 3:**

- Entry deadline for the American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show

#### **May 15:**

- Ownership and entry deadline for the NJAS
- Ownership deadline for The All-American Angus Breeders' Futurity Junior Angus Show
- Entries for the NJAS writing, photography, creative writing and graphic design contests
- Entry and recipe deadline for the Auxiliary-sponsored All-American *Certified Angus Beef*<sup>®</sup> (CAB<sup>®</sup>) Cook-Off

#### **May 22-25:**

- Atlantic National Junior Angus Show, Timonium, Md.

#### **May 25:**

- Entry deadline for the NJAA career development contest résumés and public speaking contest speech outlines.
- Late entry deadline for the NJAS (online only)

#### **June 1:**

- NJAA Board candidate information due
- Entry deadline for state delegate names for NJAA election
- Deadline to submit names for NJAS showmanship contest

#### **June 15:**

- NJAA Ambassador Program application due

Visit [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa) for more information and deadlines. Please note there are no exceptions to any of the ownership and entry deadlines.

### **NJAA Ambassador Program**

Funded by the Angus Foundation, the NJAA Ambassador program is an educational and learning experience designed to recognize one outstanding junior Angus member who will support the production of the Angus breed and the consumption of Angus beef on a national and international level.

The selected person will represent the NJAA at major beef industry conferences and events across the United States for one year.

American Angus Association members, ages 17-20, of good standing who own purebred cattle are eligible to apply.

A cover letter, résumé and essay questions are due June 15, 2014, to the Junior Activities Department, 3201 Frederick Ave., Saint Joseph, MO 64506.

For more information and the essay questions, contact the Junior Activities Department at 816-383-5100.

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### **2014 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament seeking players and sponsors**

The Angus Foundation's annual golf tournament will be Tuesday, July 8, at the Deer Creek Golf Club, Clayton, Ind. The golf tournament is hosted in conjunction with the 2014 NJAS, and proceeds from the fundraising activity will benefit the Angus Foundation's education, youth and research efforts.

Express Angus Ranches, Yukon, Okla., purchased the golf tournament event sponsorship for \$4,000 at the Angus Foundation and 2014 NJAS fundraiser "Angus Night on the Mountain" at Spruce Mountain Ranch, Larkspur, Colo., in January. There are eight other sponsorship levels available. Sponsorship deadline is May 30.

To play in the tournament, adults can register at \$100 per person, and junior golfers (NJAA members) can register at \$75 per person. Registration includes 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, continental breakfast and a CAB lunch. The player registration deadline is June 23. After June 23, a \$10 late registration fee applies per player.

Visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) to find out more about how you and your Angus farm can be recognized as a sponsor or participate in the 2014 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament.

### **Request your promotion kits now**

Producers with late spring sales or those planning summer field days at their operations should plan now by requesting a sale-day kit or field-day planner and kit from the PR and Communications Department. The kits include educational and promotional information about the Angus breed and Association programs.

All materials should be requested at least two weeks prior to your event to ensure items will reach your destination.

### **Tag Store offers affordable identification**

The American Angus Association Tag Store, [www.customcattletags.com](http://www.customcattletags.com), offers affordable identification options to purchase high-quality, custom-printed cattle ear tags and other ID options, in less time. The interactive, online store offers Duflex® visual tags in numerous colors and sizes

with free text on the front of the tag. Print logos and text on the back of the tag and text on the tag stud for a small fee. Large visual tags cost just 99¢.

"These unique, inexpensive tags will make identification and recordkeeping simple for you and your customers," says Ginette Kurtz, AngusSource® Genetic quality manager.

Farmers and ranchers can also build numerous tags with unique data with a spreadsheet template and step-by-step directions. The document can then upload as a CSV file online.

The Tag Store exclusively offers Destron Fearing™ products, including visual tags, e.Tags [radio frequency identification (RFID) tag], Combo e.Tags and "840" tags. Accessories available for purchase below retail price include applicators, readers, panel antennas, headgate kits, markers and knives.

Allflex Repeater Syringes are also available in 25 cc and 50 cc, and accurately deliver a preselected dose of medication and feature a special locking mechanism to prevent air or contaminants from entering the syringe.

Take a look at the Large Panel Stud that can be used with all the Destron visual panel tags in place of the small round stud. Large Panel Studs can be customized with a management number or a logo for an additional cost.

### **Purchase Angus photos online**

While in the showing or covering Angus events, Association staff members capture thousands of photos throughout the year. Candid photographs, backdrop images and others can be found online through a special photo website (<http://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.

For more information, contact the Communications Department at [prphotos@angus.org](mailto:prphotos@angus.org) or 816-383-5100 for more information.

### **Download the Angus App**

Angus Mobile is a free, smartphone application for the iPhone, iPad and Android devices that allows app users to update herd data no matter where they are on their farm or ranch. Download the easy-to-navigate app and gain access to the latest news, sale reports, show results, expected progeny differences (EPDs), dollar value indexes (\$Values), percentiles and much more. Visit [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org) for more details.

