Future Angus Stockmen Enrollment Online

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The American Angus Association launched a program called Future Angus Stockmen in an effort to impact young cattle producers through learning and networking opportunities, while also building a bond with the Angus breed and its member-driven organization.

"Our goal with the Future Angus Stockmen initiative is to give young producers who want to play a role in beef production the jumpstart they need to be successful in the business," says Ginette Kurtz, Association director of commercial programs. "Strong skills in communications, marketing, data analysis and business planning are critical in our industry's challenge to produce quality beef."

Future Angus Stockmen is aimed toward college-age or recent graduates who want to raise high-quality Angus-based commercial cattle. Enrollment forms are now available online at www.angus.org/Performance/Documents/FASEnrollmentForm.pdf and can be completed at any time.

Participants can choose to enroll 15 or 30 head, receiving substantial cost savings for valuable programs such as GeneMax® Focus™ DNA tests, AngusSource® or AngusSource Genetic, and MaternalPlus® or Beef Record Service enrollment.

Thanks to generous funds provided by Allflex and Destron Fearing, young people

who enroll in the program will also have the chance to apply for scholarships if they are or will be enrolled in a two- or four-year college while majoring in agriculture. Scholarship winners will be announced at the 2015 National Angus Convention & Trade Show Nov. 3-5 in Overland Park, Kan.

Upcoming plans include an applicationbased gathering of young cattle producers hosted in the summer of 2016 at the American Angus Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

For more information, please visit the commercial programs page on the Association's website or contact Kurtz at 816-383-5100.