

Angus Show (NJAS) in Des Moines, Iowa.

The 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 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. The application deadline is May 1.

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

Note these junior deadlines

- ▶ Feb. 1 is the ownership and entry deadline for juniors planning to participate in the Mid-Atlantic Junior

Angus Classic (MAJAC) regional preview show set for March 10-12 in Harrisonburg, Va.

- ▶ Feb. 1 is the registration deadline for the Raising the Bar Conference in Baton Rouge, La., that will be hosted March 2-5.
- ▶ Feb. 15 is the ownership and entry deadline for the Western Regional Junior Angus Show, which will be March 30-April 2 in Reno, Nev.
- ▶ March 1 is the nomination deadline for Advisor of the Year and Honorary Angus Foundation induction.
- ▶ March 1 is also the registration deadline for the Raising the Bar Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, set to take place April 6-9.

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

E designated for permanent ID in 2017

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 permanently identifying animals. For example, E001 and E002 could designate the first two calves born into your herd in the year 2017.

Using the international letter code is optional for Angus breeders.

For complete information about permanent ID (Rule 105) and naming animals (Rules 102 and 107), access the online *Breeder's Reference Guide*. To access from www.angus.org, click on "Rules and Forms" in the pull-down menu under "About."

Cattlemen's Bootcamp to be Feb. 17-18

Cattle producers are invited to gather for a Cattlemen's Boot Camp Feb. 17-18, 2017, at the Fayette County Extension Office in Lexington, Ky. The event is hosted by the American Angus Association in partnership with the University of Kentucky and provides purebred and commercial producers timely information presented by academic and industry professionals. As of Jan. 16, registration is closed for this event.

Cattlemen's Bootcamp to be April 27-28

Cattle producers are invited to gather for a Cattlemen's Boot Camp April 27-28 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). The event is hosted by the American Angus Association in partnership with UNL and provides purebred and commercial

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National Western Angus Bull Sale a 'smash hit'

As the national anthem echoed through the historic Stadium Arena, a crowd stood at attention and cowboy hats were drawn in tight. Rows of Angus breeders, commercial producers and guests filled every corner of the ring during the start of the National Western Angus Bull Sale hosted Jan. 11 by the American Angus Association.

The all-new evening event drew nearly 2,500 attendees, according to reports from the National Western Stock Show (NWSS). It was the largest cattle sale in the arena in recent memory.

The evening paid tribute to the heritage of ranching and also the unprecedented, century-plus expansion of Angus into the West.

Sponsored by Merial, the event featured the National Western Angus Bull Sale, the only one of its kind managed by the Association. Buyers from across the country lined the seats and placed their bids on 45 lots of elite Angus genetics.

In addition to the bull sale, the evening was also an impactful fundraiser for the Angus Foundation. The 2017 Angus Foundation Heifer Package, featuring Basin Lucy 6265, a female donated by the Stevenson family and Basin Angus Ranch of Joliet, Mont., sold for \$170,000 to longtime Angus supporters Charles W. and Judy Herbster of Herbster Angus Farms, Falls City, Neb.

A number of vacation packages, confirmed pregnancies and other auction fundraising items were sold in support of the Angus Foundation. In total, the organization raised \$265,750 in support of youth, education and research.

Participants also enjoyed entertainment by Texas country band Jake Hooker and the Outsiders.

The Angus Report will feature NWSS event news and highlights in its Jan. 23 episode, available on www.angus.org. Watch for additional coverage in the March issue of the *Angus Journal*.

— by Jena McReil

Digital EXTRA

A crowded Stadium Arena was host to an all-new evening event celebrating the Angus breed's impact on the West. Highlights included the National Western Angus Bull Sale and an Angus Foundation fundraiser. To watch a video highlight, click the photo below or turn your browser to <http://bit.ly/NWSS-Bull-Sale1>.

