

# 2026 ANGUS FOUNDATION COMMERCIAL CATTLEMEN SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

January 1, 2026

The Angus Foundation is extending their scholarship program to young men and women utilizing registered Angus genetics in their commercial cattle operation. These youth and/or their parents/guardians must use registered Angus genetics in their commercial breeding program. Youth eligible are pursuing an undergraduate degree in animal science, agriculture, rangeland management or a technical trade, and are seeking financial support for the cost of their education at a university, community college or trade school. Scholarships consist of multiple \$1,500 scholarships. Winners will be notified in July. Students from an Angus seedstock background are NOT eligible, only commercial.

*Once a qualified applicant's application has been determined complete and eligible for review*, it will be considered by the Angus Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee comprised of two Angus Foundation representatives, two Angus industry representatives and one beef cattle industry leader. Emphasis will be placed on an applicant's knowledge of the cattle industry and their perspective of how to best utilize Angus genetics in a commercial operation.

## **Applicant Qualifications**

1. Applicant or applicant's parents/guardians must have transferred or been transferred an Angus registration paper in the last 36 months (On or after May 1, 2023).
2. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or must be enrolled in a junior college, four-year college/university or other accredited institution of higher education, such as a trade school, for the fall term in which the scholarship is to be awarded. Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA (accumulative) to be eligible.
3. The applicant cannot have reached their 25th birthday prior to January 1 of the year of application.
4. The scholarship must be applied to undergraduate studies and is applicable to animal science, vocational programs (such as welding or diesel mechanics), rangeland management, agriculture or closely related fields of study.
5. If selected to receive a scholarship by the Angus Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee, the scholarship applicant will be required to verify their enrollment in an institution of higher education by/before September 15 before the scholarship award check can be issued. Failure to meet enrollment requirements may result in forfeiture of the scholarship.
6. Should the recipient fail to complete at least one semester of full-time enrollment in an accredited or approved institution of higher education prior to June 30, 2027, for any reason, scholarship funds **must** be refunded to the Angus Foundation.
7. **Applicants having received or applied for Angus Foundation undergraduate scholarships using our standard general application this year or in past years, will NOT be considered for this scholarship. Program is not for seedstock youth.**
8. Applicants can only receive Angus Foundation Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship once. (Formally known as the Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship.)

Applicant # \_\_\_\_\_

## **Instructions for Completing Application**

The application may be reproduced on your computer, but the same allotted space must be given to each of the items and questions in the application. Font must be Times New Roman size 11 – 12 point. **APPLICATION MUST NOT EXCEED FIVE (5) PAGES IN LENGTH.**

**Your application MUST include a copy of your most current high school or college/university transcript.** High school transcripts will only be accepted for incoming freshman. All continuing students will need to send a copy of their most current college/university transcript. ***The transcript MUST be included with the scholarship application when emailed to the Angus Foundation. Transcripts sent separate from the scholarship application will not be accepted.***

**May 1, 2024, is the absolute deadline for submitting applications. NOTE: With regard to this deadline, materials emailed must be received on or before May 1.** Applicant should consider an email reply with confirmation as completion of submission. The Angus Foundation is not responsible for applications with no confirmation reply sent.

**IMPORTANT FINAL REMINDER:** For a scholarship application to be considered *complete and eligible* for review by the Angus Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee, the application **MUST:**

- 1) \_\_\_\_ Use 2026 application.
- 2) \_\_\_\_ Include member code of the applicant.
- 3) \_\_\_\_ Be submitted by May 1 of the application year.
- 4) \_\_\_\_ Include copy of most current transcript.
- 5) \_\_\_\_ Email completed application and ALL attachments to [scholarships@angus.org](mailto:scholarships@angus.org).
- 6) \_\_\_\_ Receive emailed confirmation your application was received by Angus Foundation Staff.

## **Biographical and Background Information**

This page is for Angus Foundation office use only. Scholarship Selection Committee members will only be allowed to view the next five (5) pages. Please do NOT indicate who you and/or your family/ranch are when answering essay questions. Pages will be numbered for identification purposes. Numbers will be assigned in no particular way. The reason for applicant numbers is for no biases of applicants whether they are and/or their parents/guardians, American Angus Association members or affiliate members, to the scholarship selection committee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Ranch/Farm Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you, or your parent(s), a member(s) of the American Angus Association ? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, your AAA member code A-\_\_\_\_\_

If no, do you, or your parent(s), have an American Angus Association affiliate number\*?

Affiliate number\* N-\_\_\_\_\_

*\*If you have been transferred a registration paper for a registered Angus sire or dam, an affiliate number would have been created for you. This number is located on the bottom half of your registration paper, below the EPD chart. It would appear similar to this:*

NAME AND LOCATION OF RECORDED OWNER  
Smith Family Farms Anytown, AL

AFFILIATE CODE  
N-1234567

SALE DATE  
01/01/2020

Where did you learn about the Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship Program?

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Continue with the application on next page.

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**Please note: Judges will only see the following five (5) pages. Remember - please do NOT indicate whom you and/or your family/ranch are when answering questions.**

**The following questions are intended to provide added insight into the applicant's background in the beef cattle industry.**

Number of years in the following: 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ FFA \_\_\_\_\_ State Beef Assn. \_\_\_\_\_

Were you raised on a farm? \_\_\_\_\_ town? \_\_\_\_\_ suburban area? \_\_\_\_\_

If on a farm, how many acres of pasture? \_\_\_\_\_ hay? \_\_\_\_\_ row crops? \_\_\_\_\_

Others (specify)? \_\_\_\_\_

How many head of cattle do you raise (family)? \_\_\_\_\_

Breeds you raise (family)? \_\_\_\_\_

What does your personal herd consist of? \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you applied for FAFSA? Yes No**

**What percent of your education will be funded by?**

Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_% Parental/Family Assistance \_\_\_\_\_%

Working/Personal Income \_\_\_\_\_% Financial Aid Grants \_\_\_\_\_%

Student Loans \_\_\_\_\_% Work-Study Jobs \_\_\_\_\_% Other \_\_\_\_\_%

**Please explain any financial hardships or extenuating circumstances?**

## **Section 1 – Academic Achievements – High School and/or College – 10 pts.**

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Class rank \_\_\_\_\_ Class size \_\_\_\_\_ High School GPA (accumulative/4.0 scale) \_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT score \_\_\_\_\_

Community College/Tech School \_\_\_\_\_

Community College/Tech School GPA (accumulative/4.0 scale) \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

College GPA (accumulative/4.0 scale) \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Major(s) (or intended major) \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly describe your academic major/specialization: \_\_\_\_\_



**Section 4 – Application of Livestock Industry Knowledge – 30 pts.**

1. What are the reason(s) you decided to use registered Angus in your commercial herd?  
How have you benefitted as a commercial cattleman using registered Angus genetics in your commercial herd program?

2. What lessons have you learned working in the beef industry and how do you think these will help you in the future as you begin pursuing a career?

3. Identify an issue of concern to the beef industry and offer your recommendation(s) to solving that challenge which results in a positive outcome for commercial beef producers.

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**Section 5 – Leadership and Future Plans – 20 pts.**

4. Describe your leadership potential, career goals and ambitions for the future.  
How will you promote, advocate, and support the beef cattle industry in your plans?

**Section 6 – General Effect – 10 pts. - Internal Use Only – (2026)**

Applications will be judged and scored on overall general effect and impact by each member of the Angus Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee.

**Section 7 – Attachments**

Attach your most recent transcript.