

2026 ANGUS FOUNDATION VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL/TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

The Angus Foundation will award scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are attending vocational technical/trade school or equivalent. No equivalent work will be required from the scholarship recipients. Winners will be announced in conjunction with the upcoming National Junior Angus Show.

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 National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) representative.

All applications must be submitted by email to scholarships@angus.org.

Applicant Qualifications

1. Applicants must have at one time been a National Junior Angus Association member and must currently be an active Junior, Regular or Life member of the American Angus Association.
2. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or must be enrolled in an accredited institution (vocational technical/trade school or equivalent) for the fall term in which the scholarship is to be awarded. Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA (accumulative) on a 4.0 scale 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.
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 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 can only receive Angus Foundation Vocational Technical/Trade School Scholarship once.

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(s) MUST be included with the scholarship application when emailed to the Angus Foundation. Transcripts sent separate from the scholarship application will not be accepted.

Your application MUST include two letters of recommendation. Recommendations may come from employers, teachers, ag leaders, extension agents, veterinarians, pastors, etc. They may NOT include applicants, parents, American Angus Association board of directors or American Angus Association employees and/or related entities. Individuals writing recommendation letters should include a candid evaluation of the applicant's abilities, background, character, strengths, weaknesses, etc. **Both letters of recommendation MUST be included with the application when it is emailed to the Angus Foundation @ scholarships@angus.org. Letters of recommendation sent separate from the scholarship application will not be accepted.**

May 1, 2026, 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 two letters of recommendation (see restrictions above).
- 5) ____ Include copy of most current transcript.
- 6) ____ Email completed application and ALL attachments to scholarships@angus.org.
- 7) ____ Receive emailed confirmation your application was received by Angus Foundation Staff.

Additional Scholarship Opportunities: Applicants are encouraged to apply for the Jim Baldrige Outstanding Leadership Award and/or the Angus Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship (see separate applications). Applicants for this scholarship are ineligible from applying for the Commercial Cattlemen Scholarship.

Feel free to contact the Angus Foundation at 816/383-5100 or scholarships@angus.org if you have any questions.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Biographical and Background Information

Name _____ Birthdate _____ Gender _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Email _____ AAA Member Code _____

Number of years in AAA/NJAA _____ State Junior AA _____ 4-H _____ FFA _____

Do you plan on a career actively farming/ranching after college graduation? Yes No

Have you received Angus Foundation scholarships previously? Yes No

Optional Section

Please explain any financial hardships or extenuating circumstances?

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

High School

School Name _____ Graduation Date _____

Class Rank _____ Class Size _____

GPA (accumulative/4.0 scale) _____ ACT/SAT Score _____

Community College/Tech School

School Name _____ Graduation Date _____

GPA (accumulative/4.0 scale) _____

Academic Major(s) (*or intended major*) _____

Briefly describe your academic major/specialization

Section 2 - Angus Activities and Involvement - 10 pts.

Have you received the NJAA Bronze Award? Yes No

Have you received the NJAA Silver Award? Yes No

Have you received the NJAA Gold Award? Yes No

List Angus associations and organizations of which you are and/or were an active member.

List leadership positions, committees, conferences attended (e.g., LEAD, Raising the Bar, etc.).

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Section 3 - Leadership and Future Plans - 15 pts.

Why do you want to pursue the technical, trade, or vocational profession you have chosen?

How do you plan to use your degree in the future to promote the Angus breed and beef cattle industry?

Section 4 - FFA, 4-H and Other Agricultural Organization Involvement - 15 pts.

List your involvement in 4-H, FFA and other agricultural related organizations (i.e., beef associations, trade associations, etc.) and activities. Include leadership positions, committees, honors, competitive contests and other notable awards and accomplishments of the national, state, regional and local levels.

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Section 5 - Other High School/Collegiate Organizations, Community, Civic & Church Activities - 15 pts.

List current and past involvement including leadership positions held, honors, awards and committees, brief examples of how your accomplishments have helped others, as well as any significant contributions you have made to the organization (i.e., student government, academic, social, professional, etc.).

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Section 6 - Application of Livestock Industry Knowledge - 15 pts.

Briefly summarize your experience and knowledge in livestock production, marketing, management and any other aspect of the livestock industry. Include any coursework, hands-on projects, work experience, or other activities that have helped you build skills to become a better livestock enthusiast.

Section 7 - General Effect - 20 pts. - Internal Use Only

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