

Angus Foundation 2026 Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC) Information

The Angus Foundation is pleased to support education, youth, and research and will sponsor one Angus breeder to participate in the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) Young Cattlemen's Conference (YCC). YCC is an industry-wide program that develops leaders for the beef industry.

The 2026 YCC will be held May 28- June 4. (Participants will need to also plan on travel time necessary for them to accommodate conference dates.)

Purpose of the Program:

The purpose of the YCC program is to develop leadership qualities in young cattlemen and expose them to all aspects of the beef industry. The tour and conference, which begins in Denver and proceeds across the country to Washington D.C., helps young leaders understand all areas of the beef business, ranging from industry structure to issues management and from production research to marketing. The program is limited to a small number of producers each year and all participants must be nominated by one of NCBA's affiliate organizations.

Procedures:

Applications are available on line at: www.angusfoundation.org and should be emailed no later than **Friday, January 30, 2026**, to: JBoester@angus.org.

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and forwarded to the YCC Angus Representative Selection Committee for their evaluation and ranking. The recipient of the award will be notified in late February or early March. Applicants not selected are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years if still eligible.

The award will include the following:

- Registration fee for YCC paid directly to NCBA by the Angus Foundation.
- Reasonable coach-class airfare from the participant's home to the beginning site of the conference and from the ending site of the conference to the participant's home.
- *Note: Incidental and meal expenses not covered by the registration fees are the responsibility of the participant.*

In the event the participant selected cannot participate in the conference, the program coordinator for the Angus Foundation may offer the award to the other applicants in the order ranked by the selection committee.

Qualifications for Applicants:

The following qualifications must be met at both the time of selection and the time YCC is held.

- Must be an active member of NCBA
- Must be an active member in good standing of the American Angus Association
- Must be between 25 and 50 years of age

(Employees of the American Angus Association, its subsidiaries or affiliates are not eligible to apply for this award.)

Application and Letters of Recommendation:

The application is four pages in length, plus two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation cannot come from current employees of the American Angus Association, Angus Media, Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Foundation, or Certified Angus Beef LLC or any member of the selection committee.

The format of the applications includes two pages of general information about the applicant; two pages of questions and responses; and two letters of recommendation.

Selection Committee:

- Angus Foundation Board Chairman (Committee Chair)
- American Angus Association President
- American Angus Association Vice President
- American Angus Association Treasurer
- American Angus Association Chief Executive Officer

(Note: Letters of recommendation cannot come from selection committee members.)

Selection Criteria:

The selection committee may consider the following in selecting the participant from the applications received:

- Involvement by applicant in local, state, regional and/or national Angus associations and programs.
- Leadership positions held in other community, civic and industry organizations.
- Desire to grow and develop as a leader in the Angus and beef industries.
- Communication skills.
- Length of involvement and potential for long-term involvement in the Angus industry.

Instructions:

Please include a recent headshot for publication purposes. **Email the application along with the letters of recommendation and headshot to JBoester@angus.org.**

Participant Responsibilities:

The participant will coordinate with the staff of the Angus Foundation, *Angus Media* and Angus Association on media communications.

For the application to be eligible for review:

Application must be completed and signed by applicant.

Two letters of recommendation must be included.

Recent headshot must be included.

All materials must be emailed by Friday, January 30, 2026.