

American Angus Auxiliary 2012 Scholarship Application

General Information for Chairpersons and Applicants

The American Angus Auxiliary scholarships are presented annually. The **total** amount awarded will range from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Ten (10) scholarships will be awarded. The exact amount of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth place awards given to both boy and girl qualified applicants will be determined March 1, 2012. Scholarships may be defined as financial grants for which no equivalent work is required.

Each state Angus Auxiliary is entitled to submit one girl and one boy application for the national scholarships. The two applications must be submitted by the state or regional scholarship chairperson to the American Angus Auxiliary Chairperson.

The recipients of the first place state awards shall be present, if possible, at the National Junior Angus Show in early July.

The scholarship application is the basis from which the candidates are chosen to compete for Miss American Angus. Each girl submitting a scholarship application will be required to complete a form declaring her intent to compete/not compete for Miss American Angus if given the opportunity. The five highest placing girls choosing to compete for Miss American Angus will be announced at the National Junior Show. These girls will be required to attend the Miss American Angus contest held mid-November in Louisville, Kentucky, in conjunction with the North American. The intent form and additional information on the role and requirements of Miss American Angus will be mailed to each girl applicant once her scholarship application is received. *(Please note: choosing not to compete for Miss American Angus does not affect scholarship eligibility.)*

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Any unmarried girl and unmarried boy recommended by a state or regional Auxiliary are eligible for the scholarships if she or he meets the other qualifications.
2. Applicants must have demonstrated an interest in Angus projects and have a part in such activities at the time of application. Applicants must be a member of the National Junior Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64506.
3. The applicant shall be a graduating high school senior. Anyone graduating from high school after the most recent completed contest is eligible for the next contest. The applicant may only apply in one state.
4. The applicant has received their Bronze and Silver Awards prior to application submission.

PROCEDURE

1. Interested applicants request the application packet from their respective state contact or download it from the American Angus Auxiliary website (www.angus.org/auxiliary or www.angusauxiliary.com)
2. All scholarship applications should be typewritten using a typewriter, word processor or computer to complete the application.
 - A. The application should be in the same format as the official application posted on the Angus Auxiliary Web site.
 - B. Original and six copies must be on white 20 to 24 # paper, NO heavy, card stock, colored or glossy paper.
 - C. Do not add extra pages.
 - D. Do not use the backs of pages.
 - E. The type font size should be no smaller than 10 point.
 - F. 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. **APPLICATION MUST NOT EXCEED EIGHT (8) PAGES IN LENGTH.**
 - G. **Your application MUST include a copy of your most current high school transcript. The transcript(s) MUST be included with the scholarship application when mailed to the state scholarship chairperson. Transcripts sent separate from the scholarship application will not be accepted. Remove transcript from sealed envelope include in the six copies.**
 - H. **Your application MUST include three letters of recommendation.** Choose three references from any of the five following categories – do not use multiples from more than one of the specific five categories listed:

- 1) County agent, FFA instructor, 4-H club adult, Beef Livestock Association Advisor
- 2) School principal, superintendent, counselor, or instructor
- 3) Minister or church youth advisor
- 4) Employer
- 5) Angus breeder

They may *NOT* include applicants, parents, American Angus Association board of directors, American Angus Auxiliary officers and regional directors, American Angus Auxiliary scholarship committee members or alternates or American Angus Association employees and/or related entities. Individuals writing recommendation letters should include their association with the applicant and a candid evaluation of the applicant's abilities, background, character, strengths, weaknesses, etc. **All three letters of recommendation MUST be included with the application when it is mailed to the state scholarship chairperson. Letters of recommendation sent separate from the scholarship application will not be accepted. Do not send letters in envelopes, copies of each letter must be included in each of the six copies if the application.**

- I. Individual photos on the original application **MUST** be removable. Photos on the six copies may be originals or part of the copied application.
- J. **Order of assembling completed application:**
 - 1) **8-page application form**
 - 2) **3 letters of recommendation**
 - 3) **Most current high school transcript**
- K. **Secure the original application in a clear cover. The SIX (6) complete copies must be stapled in the upper left hand corner. DO NOT place the copies in covers of any type.**

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

- 1) **Be signed and dated by the applicant.**
- 2) **Be signed, dated, and submitted by the State Scholarship Chairperson.**
- 3) **Applicant has received the bronze and silver award prior to submitting application.**
- 4) **Include three letters of recommendation (see restrictions above).**
- 5) **Include copy of most current high school transcript.**
- 6) **Include member code of the applicant.**
- 7) **Be postmarked by May 1, 2012.**

The application will not be returned.

If applicants want a copy, please make one before sending it to the current American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Chairperson.