

NJAA WRITING CONTEST

The National Junior Angus Association and the Junior Activities Department of the American Angus Association will co-sponsor a writing contest. The purpose of the writing contest is to encourage the enhancement of written communication skills and to allow junior Angus members another chance to compete prior to the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS). However, the entries will be displayed at the NJAS.

Winners will be selected in three age divisions: 9 to 13; 14 to 17; and 18 to 21 years (all ages are as of Jan. 1 of the current year). Prizes will be 1st-\$50; 2nd-\$30; 3rd-20. Winners will be announced at the NJAS and if space permits, winning entries will be published in the *Angus Journal*.

NJAA WRITING CONTEST RULES

1. Entries should be informative, and if appropriate, entertaining. Entries should not be research papers. It should be the writer's purpose to create an entry that would be suitable for printing in the *Angus Journal* or a state Angus publication.
2. There will be three age divisions: ages 9 to 13; ages 14 to 17; and ages 18 to 21 (use contestant's age as of Jan. 1 of the current year).
3. Submitted entries need to have the word count calculated on their cover sheet and contestants must send in a clean disk containing the document. Entries should also meet the following criteria:
 - a.) Junior entries should be between 300-500 words. Junior entries can either be typed, double-spaced and in 12-point type or be printed in ink, double-spaced.

Topic: Write a story introducing your first Angus show calf to a friend.

- b.) Intermediate entries should be 600-800 words, typed, double-spaced, and in 12-point type.

Topic: Describe to a friend why you devote your time to Angus cattle and Angus activities.

- c.) Senior entries should be 1,800-2,000 words, typed, double-spaced, and in 12-point type.

Topic: Describe a time you were impacted by a NJAA board member and how that impacted your NJAA experience.

4. A cover page should include the junior member's name, address, phone number, birth date and member code. No mention of the contestant's name should be on any of the other pages.
5. All pages should be numbered.
6. It is the discretion of the NJAA Board to assign topics.
7. **Entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2010**, and must be mailed to:

American Angus Association
Junior Activities Department
3201 Frederick Ave.
St. Joseph, MO 64506

Late entries will not be judged.

8. Judges will evaluate the written works as directed by a 50 point score sheet. Entries will be scored on grammar, spelling, organization and content. Points will be deducted on entries that are either too short or too long. Each judge shall total their score and rank the contestants in numerical order on the basis of their score. (Highest score first, lowest score last.)

The rankings (not the score) of the three judges shall be added for each entry, and the final placings determined by the lowest composite rankings. Actual scores will be used only to break ties. In the event the participants are still tied, they shall be named co-winners and two awards will be given for that placing and none given for the following placing.