

NJAA CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

The National Junior Angus Association and the Events and Education 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. 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 CREATIVE 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. This contest is available to the following age divisions, as of Jan. 1 of the current year: Junior (8-13), Intermediate (14-17) and Senior (18-20).
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: If you and your best friend were cows, describe your perfect day on the farm.
 - b.) Intermediate entries should be 600-800 words, typed, double-spaced, and in 12-point type.
Topic: Describe your perfect Angus leadership conference.
 - c.) Senior entries should be 1,000 – 1,200 words, typed, double-spaced, and in 12-point type.
Topic: Describe your dream job and how being in the NJAA shaped you for your future career?
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 submitted by May 15 through AAA Login Online Contest Portal. Late entries will not be accepted.**
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 placing 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.