

National Junior Angus Association

The American Angus Association believes in the power and the promise of Angus youth. Through the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA), young Angus members form the nation's leading junior beef breed organization — a program dedicated to developing tomorrow's Angus farmers and ranchers.

The NJAA offers young agriculturalists educational workshops, leadership conferences, and scholarship opportunities through the Angus Foundation.

Participation in NJAA activities provides juniors with skills benefiting them beyond their youth. NJAA activities and showing participation offer a community of young people across the United States who have similar interests in Angus cattle and agriculture.

Joining the NJAA is simple. First, submit a completed application, available online or on page 23. Second, submit annual membership fees to remain an active member.

In addition to registering and transferring Angus cattle, juniors between the ages of 9 and 20 years of age (as of Jan. 1 of the current year), may participate in NJAA-sponsored shows and contests, including the organization's premier event, the **National Junior Angus Show (NJAS)**.

Also, the NJAS offers educational opportunities and **life skills contests**, including a mentoring program, showmanship contest, state competitions, public speaking contests and more. The NJAS is a weeklong, one-of-a-kind event for junior members and their families, who travel from more than 35 states each year to attend.

Besides shows, several youth activities are also available for Angus youth to build leadership skills. **The Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference** is held at different locations each year and offers team-building exercises, leadership and character training, and educational tours of area locations.

Raising the Bar conference is a highly intensive training course for junior members and advisors developed to build stronger leaders within their junior associations.

Participation in activities at the local, regional and national levels establishes the basis for American Angus Auxiliary and Angus Foundation **scholarships**, and other NJAA honors. These scholarships and **awards** are presented to individuals who demonstrate outstanding participation and achievement in Angus projects; school, community and church; and who have exhibited exceptional character.

