

Outside the Showring Leadership Skills

The National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) expands beyond the showring and the farm. The NJAA offers valuable life skills; industry knowledge; and lifelong friends through leadership activities, opportunities and conferences.

STATE AND REGIONAL JUNIOR ANGUS ASSOCIATIONS

The first step is involvement in local, regional and/or state associations. A member of these associations will meet fellow junior Angus members, and state advisors available to give advice on an NJAA project. Once an active member, run for an officer position within the association and broaden your leadership skills.

State associations may offer state preview shows during the summer; this is a great way to show off hard work, meet fellow Angus breeders and to develop a better understanding of the NJAA and the Angus industry. To find out how to get involved, contact the Junior Activities department.

STATE ROYALTY

Young ladies in the NJAA, have the opportunity to serve as ambassadors for the Angus breed through the American Angus Auxiliary and state auxiliaries as state and national royalty. Each state has a select number of queens, princesses, and/or ebonettes elected to serve and represent their state association. State royalty aids with the distribution of ribbons and awards in the showring and other various activities to promote the Angus and beef industry.

MISS AMERICAN ANGUS

The American Angus Auxiliary scholarship program is for high school senior boys and girls. The female scholarship winners receive the opportunity to run for Miss American Angus and serve a one-year term as queen of the Angus breed. During her reign, her duties are to travel to shows and events; mentor state royalty; speak at Angus-sponsored events; and promote beef.

SCHOLARSHIPS

National scholarships are available to NJAA members through the Angus Foundation. These scholarships and awards are presented to individuals who demonstrate outstanding participation and achievement in Angus projects; the NJAA, school, community and church; and who have exhibited exceptional character.



NATIONAL JUNIOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

NJAA members are nationally recognized for their continued achievement through the NJAA. The bronze, silver, and gold awards are given to junior members who participate in NJAA activities and programs of the American Angus Association. The three levels of recognition are: bronze and silver, earned at any age; and the gold award, received during the junior member's last year of eligibility. Applications are found at www.njaa.info.

LIFE SKILLS CONTESTS

In conjunction with the National Junior Angus Show, life-skills contests for NJAA members include public speaking, quiz bowl, the All-American *Certified Angus Beef*[®] (CAB) Cook-Off, team fitting, team sales, career development, and many more. Those unable to attend the NJAS can still participate in the contests and submit entries in the photography, writing and graphic design contests.

RAISING THE BAR

Raising the Bar is an intensive leadership-training course for junior members and advisors. The course builds stronger leaders within the association, and creates regional relationships amongst other state associations. Attendees participate in a weekend workshop focused on team-building; goal-setting; leadership development; and industry knowledge. Raising the Bar is offered throughout the year in different regions of the U.S.

LEAD CONFERENCE

The Leaders Engaged in Angus Development (LEAD) Conference, open to junior members 14-21 years of age, is held annually as the national junior leadership conference. During the four-day conference, junior members participate in interactive workshops; listen to keynote leadership speakers and team-building facilitators; visit Angus farms and ranches; and tour local area attractions. The event takes place at a different location each year.

NJAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The junior board is comprised of a 12-member team of young Angus leaders who develop and carry out programs and serve the NJAA members and the Angus breed across the nation. Six new directors are elected to serve on the board each year at the NJAS, and each board member serves a two-year term.

The goal of the junior board is to implement new ideas to create a stronger NJAA and Angus breed, and serve as ambassadors and mentors within the breed.

Take the opportunity and advantage as a member of the elite group, NJAA. Attend all functions; communicate with peers; and begin to network with people across the country. Set your goals — and take action to achieve them now.

