

# AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

All applications are available by contacting the Junior Activities Department or on the Web site [www.angus.org/njaa](http://www.angus.org/njaa) and/or the Angus Foundation at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

## **OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD (OLA)**

The OLA was instituted in 1994 in memory of Barbara Smalstig and her support of the National Junior Angus Association (NJAA). It was designed to recognize one outstanding NJAA member each year at the American Angus Association Annual Banquet. This award is available only to members of the NJAA who are 14 years of age or older as of January 1 of the current year. This prestigious award is based upon the leadership that has been exhibited by the nominee through their Angus and various other activities as presented in their report form. The OLA recipient will receive an award presented by the NJAA and a check for \$500 from the Angus Foundation. **The application is due May 1.**

## **ADVISOR OF THE YEAR**

Behind every successful junior Angus group are dedicated advisors. Each year at the National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) one advisor or advisor team is given special recognition by being named "Advisor of the Year." State junior Angus associations may nominate an advisor that they feel has been instrumental in the success of their association and the development of its members as active, responsible and enthusiastic individuals. **Nominations are due March 1.**

## **NATIONAL JUNIOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

The American Angus Association established a National Junior Recognition Program in 1972. It has been successful in providing an opportunity for young Angus breeders to become nationally recognized for continued achievement. This program is based on activities over a junior member's entire career. There are three levels of recognition; Bronze, Silver, and Gold. Bronze and Silver Awards can be earned at any age. The Gold Award, however, will be given only during the last year of eligibility as a junior member. Winners of the various levels receive a specially designed pin, cast in the metal of the respective award (Bronze, Silver, or Gold).

## **CRYSTAL AWARD**

The Crystal Award is sponsored by the American Angus Auxiliary and awarded to the highest placing male and female junior Angus member in all the contests held at the NJAS.

## **SILVER PITCHER**

The American Angus Auxiliary awards the top placing male and female exhibitors at the NJAS with a Silver Pitcher. Points are awarded in each of the following categories: steer, cow-calf, owned heifer, bred-and-owned bull, and bred-and-owned heifer.

## **AMERICAN ANGUS AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIPS**

The American Angus Auxiliary awards scholarships annually to five young men and five young women who have demonstrated exceptional participation and achievements in Angus projects, school, community and church, and superior character. Coordination and administration of this scholarship program lies with the Auxiliary. Applications are available from your state Angus Auxiliary, the American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Chairwomen and [www.angusauxiliary.com](http://www.angusauxiliary.com). The winners are announced at the NJAS.

## **COLVIN SCHOLARSHIP**

Developed in 1999 as Louis M. "Mick" Colvin retired from the CAB executive director position, this scholarship recognizes his role in making dreams a reality and inspiring others to be their best. Colvin directed the beef brand for more than 20 years. This scholarship benefits tomorrow's leaders who are involved in their communities and the beef industry. Scholarships will go to the top applicants based on activities and scholastic achievement, communication skills—essay and verbal and reference letters. For more information, visit the Web site [www.certifiedangusbeef.com](http://www.certifiedangusbeef.com).

## **CAB/NJAA SCHOLARSHIP**

One scholarship is awarded to a current or former member of the NJAA who is pursuing a degree in animal science, meat science, food science, ag communications or a related field. The scholarship recipient is announced at the NJAS and receives a \$1,000. The scholarship, first awarded in 1990, is a grant for which no equivalent work is required. **CAB/NJAA Scholarship applications are due May 1 and can be accessed at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org). (NOTE: This application is separate from the Angus Foundation's general scholarship application for undergraduate students referenced above.)**

## **ANGUS FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Angus Foundation will award general scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in higher education. Students in all academic degree fields of study are encouraged to apply. These one-year awards will consist of 2-\$5,000 scholarships in honor of Richard L. Spader, former Executive Vice President of the American Angus Association, and numerous \$3,000 and \$1,000 scholarships. Applicants at one time must have been a NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association, and cannot have reached their 25th birthday prior to January 1 of application year. Awards are announced at the NJAS. **Angus Foundation Undergraduate Student Scholarship Program applications are due May 1.**

Applicants may also be considered for other undergraduate named scholarships like the Woodlawn Farms Angus Scholarship, Joseph and Ruby Schaff/Schaff Angus Ranch Scholarship, Roscoe L. Richardson Memorial Scholarship, etc. depending on the applicant meeting the eligibility criteria set forth by the donor and Angus Foundation for those respective named scholarships. Past applicants and recipients of Angus Foundation general scholarships can continue to apply for named scholarships. For more information about the Angus Foundation's Undergraduate Student Scholarship Program and to obtain an application, visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

## **ANGUS FOUNDATION GRADUATE STUDENT DEGREE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:**

To further foster the advancement of education, youth and research, the Angus Foundation will award five general graduate student scholarships to young men and women actively involved in the Angus breed and who are pursuing an advanced degree in higher education. These will be one-year awards.

The graduate student scholarship can only be applied to advanced degree studies. Applicants at one time must have been a NJAA member and must currently be a junior, regular or life member of the American Angus Association. Strong preference and priority will be given to applicants pursuing advanced degrees related closely to the beef industry.

Applicants may also be considered for other undergraduate named graduate student scholarships depending on the applicant meeting the eligibility criteria set forth by the donor and Angus Foundation for those respective graduate student scholarships. Past applicants and recipients of Angus Foundation general graduate scholarships and named graduate student scholarships can continue to apply for named scholarships. For more information about the Angus Foundation's Graduate Student Scholarship Program and to obtain an application, visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org). **Deadline for application is May 1.**

**DISCLAIMER:** Depending on level of funds available, respective scholarships referenced above and any other scholarship administered by the Angus Foundation may or may not be awarded each year.