

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

All applications are available by contacting the Events & Education Department or on the Web site www.njaa.info and/or the Angus Foundation at www.angusfoundation.org.

JIM BALDRIDGE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Jim Baldrige Outstanding Leadership Award was designed to recognize one outstanding NJAA member each year at the National Junior Angus Show Closing Ceremony. 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 scholarship from the Angus Foundation. Additional details of requirements are listed on the application. Please refer to the NJAA website for application. **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.**

NEW STATE OF THE YEAR

The NJAA established the State of the Year Award to recognize state associations that are committed to and are successful in providing opportunities to juniors. Winning states have demonstrated outstanding performance in their service to juniors and have been dedicated to helping ensure the achievement of juniors and recognize it **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. 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.

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 \$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. (NOTE: This application is separate from the Angus Foundation's general scholarship application for undergraduate students.)**

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. Awards consisting of two \$5,000 scholarships in honor of Richard L. Spader, former Executive Vice President of the American Angus Association; a number of general \$3,000 and \$1,000 scholarships; and donor-named scholarships will be available. 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 donor named undergraduate scholarships depending on the applicant meeting the eligibility criteria set forth by the donor and Angus Foundation for those respective scholarships. Past applicants and recipients of Angus Foundation general scholarships can continue to apply for these donor named scholarships. For more information about the Angus Foundation's Undergraduate Student Scholarship Program and to obtain an application, visit 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 \$5,000 scholarships 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 donor named graduate 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 donor named graduate scholarships can continue to apply for donor named scholarships. For more information about the Angus Foundation's Graduate Student Scholarship Program and to obtain an application, visit www.angusfoundation.org. **Deadline for application is May 1.**

NEW TOM BURKE YOUNG ANGUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS ENDOWMENT FUNDS

For NJAA members ages 8-13 as of January 1. Awards of \$1,250 will be presented to the boy and girl receiving the highest combined score from their participation in exhibiting cattle entries and contest competitions at NJAS.

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.*