

American Angus Auxiliary

2024 Scholarship Application Requirements

General Information for Chairpersons and Applicants

The American Angus Auxiliary scholarships are presented annually. The total amount awarded will vary. Ten (10) scholarships will be awarded. The exact amount of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth place awards given to both male and female qualified applicants will be determined by May 1, 2024. Scholarships may be defined as financial grants for which no equivalent work is required.

Each state is entitled to submit one male and one female application for the national scholarships. The two applications must be submitted by the state or regional scholarship chairperson to the American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Chairperson.

If your state does not have an Auxiliary State/Regional Scholarship Chair, a designated representative from the State/Regional Angus Association, or the State Junior Angus Advisors should submit the completed application. Please contact the American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Chair with questions.

All scholarship applicants are encouraged to attend the National Junior Angus Show in early July.

The scholarship application is the basis from which the candidates are chosen to compete for Miss American Angus. Each female submitting a scholarship application will be required to complete a form declaring her intent to compete/not compete for Miss American Angus if given the opportunity. The five highest placing females choosing to compete for Miss American Angus will be announced at the National Junior Show. These females will be required to attend the Miss American Angus contest held in November at the Angus Convention. The intent form and additional information on the role and requirements of Miss American Angus will be mailed or email to each female applicant AFTER her scholarship application is received. *(Please note: choosing not to compete for Miss American Angus does not affect scholarship eligibility.)*

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

1. Any unmarried female and unmarried male recommended by a state or region are eligible for the scholarships if she or he meets the other qualifications.
2. Applicants must have demonstrated an interest in Angus projects and have a part in such activities at the time of application. Applicants must be a member of the National Junior Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Ave., St. Joseph, MO 64506.
3. The applicant shall be a graduating high school senior in the current contest year. The applicant may only apply in one state.
4. The applicant has received their Bronze and Silver Awards prior to application submission.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT PROCEDURE

1. **Application:** Interested applicants request the application packet from their respective state contact or download the current version from the American Angus Auxiliary website (www.angus.org/auxiliary or <http://www.angusauxiliary.com/leadership/scholarship.html>)
2. **Format:** All scholarship applications must be typewritten
 - A. The application **must be in the same format** as the CURRENT official application posted on the Angus Auxiliary Web site. **(Older forms will be disqualified)**

B. The Original completed application must be on white 20 to 24 # paper. NO heavy, card stock, colored or glossy paper.

C. Do not add extra pages. Application may not exceed eight (8) pages.

D. Do not use the backs of pages.

E. The type font should be Times New Roman and the size should be no smaller than 10 point.

F. The application may be reproduced on your computer, but the same allotted space must be given to each of the items and questions per page in the application.

APPLICATION MUST NOT EXCEED EIGHT (8) PAGES IN LENGTH.

3. **Transcript:** *The application MUST include a copy of the most current (most recently completed grading period) official high school transcript, or the equivalent of.* The transcript(s) MUST be included with the scholarship application when mailed to the scholarship chairperson. Remove transcript if sealed in an envelope.

4. **Letters of Recommendation:** Your application MUST include three (3) letters of recommendation. Include ONE from each category – Letters must clearly identify the relationship to the applicant.

- A. State Association Officer or director; State Auxiliary Officer; or State Junior Advisor
- B. School (official, teacher, coach); Employer; or Minister or church youth advisor
- C. FFA instructor; 4-H club adult; State Angus Breeder; or Ag Industry professional

They may NOT include applicants, parents and/or relatives, American Angus Association board of directors, American Angus Auxiliary officers (or immediate family thereof) and regional directors, American Angus Auxiliary scholarship committee members or alternates, or employees of American Angus Association and/or related entities.

Individuals writing recommendation letters should include their association with the applicant and a candid evaluation of the applicant's abilities, background, character, strengths, weaknesses, etc.

It is very important that the relationship between the applicant and reference be clearly stated in the letter. **Including more than one from any given category will disqualify the applicant.

Letters of recommendation MUST accompany the application when it is mailed to the scholarship chairperson. Letters of recommendation sent separate from the scholarship will not be accepted. Do not send letters in envelopes.

5. **Photos:**

Page 7: Professional, not casual head shots are recommended. These are used in public relations. **EMAIL digital copy to Scholarship Chair – Tonya Theis, watkinsranch@hotmail.com. File minimum 500 pixels wide.** Section 9: Photos may be “dropped” in or page may be designed, but must include ONLY 6 photos.

6. **Order of assembling** completed application:
- A. 8-page application form
 - B. 3 letters of recommendation
 - C. Most current high school transcript

State Scholarship Chairperson Directions:

IMPORTANT FINAL REMINDER: *DO NOT sign off on the application without a complete review.*

For a scholarship application to be considered complete and eligible for review by the Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Committee, the application MUST:

- 1) Be signed and dated by the applicant. **(Electronic signature not accepted)**
- 2) Be signed, dated, and submitted by the State Scholarship Chairperson.
- 3) Applicant has **received the bronze and silver** award prior to submitting application.
- 4) Include three **letters of recommendation** (see restrictions above).
Include **ONE** from each category – **Letters must clearly identify the relationship**
 - A. State Association Officer or director; State Auxiliary Officer; or State Junior Advisor
 - B. School (official, teacher, coach); Employer; or Minister or church youth advisor
 - C. FFA instructor; 4-H club adult: State Angus Breeder; or Ag Industry professional
- 5) Include copy of most current high school transcript- last completed grading period
- 6) Include member code of the applicant.
- 7) The original complete printed application will be **mailed** to the Scholarship Chair (includes 3 reference letters and transcript).
- 8) The original complete application will be **electronically** sent to the Scholarship Chair (including scans of the 3 reference letters and transcript).
- 9) It is **NOT** necessary to send copies of the application.
- 10) Be postmarked AND digital copy scanned to Tonya Theis by May 1, 2024.

If the original does not have the above checklist completed the application will be DISQUALIFIED.

The application will not be returned.

If applicants want a copy, please make one before sending it to the current American Angus Auxiliary Scholarship Chairperson.