

# SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Youth involved with commercial operations encouraged to apply.

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In 2015, the Angus Foundation launched a scholarship program with eligibility available to commercial families using Angus genetics. We visited with Rod Schoenbine, director of development for the Angus Foundation, to learn more about this program.

## Rod, first tell us a little about the Foundation. What is its role?

The Angus Foundation is an affiliate of the American Angus Association. It was established in 1980 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization to fund and support programs involving education, youth and research in the Angus breed and the agricultural industry. Gracious donors allow the Angus Foundation to fund programs ranging from youth and member educational programs, National Junior Angus Association (NJAA) programs, research advancing the Angus breed, and scholarships to financially support youth trying to reach their educational goals and dreams.

## Can you explain the scope of the Foundation's scholarship program today?

Scholarships offered through the Angus Foundation come in many forms. Certain endowed scholarships have restrictions placed on them by the donor. For example, these restrictions might include the need for the applicant to reside in a certain state or be focused on a certain field of study to be eligible to receive the scholarship.

Other scholarships, like those offered directly from the Angus Foundation and supported by generous donations of unrestricted funds, are much less restrictive in nature.

In 2018 the Angus Foundation awarded 111 undergraduate and graduate scholarships totaling more than \$225,000.

## What exactly is the Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship?

The Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship is a unique scholarship open to youth whose families are using Angus genetics in their commercial Angus operations, as well as those using Angus in a crossbreeding program. Applicants are encouraged, but do not need to be involved in the NJAA. It's open to any academic field of study.

The Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship is a competitive award consisting of three \$1,000 scholarships decided upon by the Angus Foundation's Allied Industry Scholarship selection committee. Winners are notified in July if they have been selected.

## Why was it created?

The Angus business revolves around commercial breeders using Angus genetics in their breeding programs. In an effort to support youth from these families, the Angus Foundation created the Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship.

## Who is eligible to apply?

The Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship was created for youth from families of commercial users of Angus genetics. Eligibility requirements are quite easy.

- ▶ Applicants or their parents/guardians must use Angus genetics in their breeding program.
- ▶ Applicants or their parents/guardians must have transferred or been transferred an Angus registration paper within the last 36 months.
- ▶ Eligible youth must be pursuing an undergraduate higher-education degree.
- ▶ Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA (cumulative) to be eligible.
- ▶ Applicants having received or applied for Angus Foundation undergraduate scholarships using our standard general applications this year or in past years will not be considered.
- ▶ Applicants are only allowed to receive the Allied Angus Breeders Scholarship once.

## When is the deadline, and how does one apply?

May 1 is the deadline to apply. Youth interested in applying can go to the Angus Foundation website <http://www.angus.org/Foundation/WhatWeDo/Youth/AlliedAngus.aspx> to download the application.

## What does it take to win one of the scholarships?

Besides a completed application with a current transcript, emphasis will be placed on an applicant's knowledgeable responses to essay questions about the cattle industry and their perspective of the Angus breed.

Knowing not all youth have the opportunity to return to the farm, this scholarship still provides educational opportunity for these youth who will always be ambassadors for the Angus breed

and the beef cattle industry, regardless of their vocation after college graduation.

## Are there any strings attached?

If selected, verification of enrollment in an institution of higher education is due to the Angus Foundation by Sept. 30 before the scholarship is awarded.

## From what other Foundation endeavors might the commercial cattle industry benefit?

The Angus Foundation supports many youth and Angus producer educational activities, as well as funding cutting-edge research that benefits the entire beef industry. The Foundation works with all divisions within the American Angus Association to host industry-leading speakers from across the entire beef supply chain. Cutting-edge topics ranging from production issues to consumer satisfaction are addressed in Angus Foundation-sponsored events.

The commercial industry also benefits from the Angus Foundation's support of innovative research through many land-grant universities throughout the country. Cutting-edge research projects have provided Angus breeders with the best breeding and evaluation tools in the cattle industry. From innovative expected progeny differences (EPDs) and genomics to end-product consumer satisfaction studies, Angus Foundation support continues to advance the Angus breed. ■

Editor's Note: Those interested in helping support the Angus Foundation's mission can make a tax-deductible donation by going to [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org) and clicking on the gold GIVE button at the top of the page. Contact Angus Foundation President Milford Jenkins at 816-390-4357 or Rod Schoenbine at 330-464-9793 if you have questions.

