North Dakota Angus Foundation 2023 Scholarship Application Requirements

General Information

To advance its mission of supporting education, youth and research, the North Dakota 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. The North Dakota Angus Foundation gives up to three scholarships annually, to junior members who are in their senior year of high school or attending a college/university. Applications must be postmarked by November 1st and will be determined at the annual meeting November 11th, 2023. Send completed application to North Dakota Angus Association, 3651 10th Ave NE, Drake, ND 58736. Winners will be announced at the NDAA Annual Banquet November 11th, 2023 at the Ramada in Bismarck, ND.

Once a qualified applicant's application has been determined complete and eligible for review, it will be considered by the North Dakota Angus Foundation's Scholarship Selection Committee. Emphasis will be placed on an applicant's current and/or past involvement in Junior Angus activities at the local, state, and national levels.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. Any unmarried girl and unmarried boy 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.
- 3. Applicants must have at one time been a National Junior Angus Association member and must currently be a Junior, Regular or Life member of the American Angus Association.
- 4. The applicant shall be a graduating high school senior or must be enrolled in a junior college, four-year college/university or other accredited institution of higher education for the fall term in which the scholarship is to be awarded. Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA (accumulative) to be eligible.
- 4. The applicant cannot have reached their 25th birthday prior to January 1 of the year of application.
- 5. The scholarship must be applied to undergraduate studies and is applicable to any field of study.
- 6. Should the recipient fail to complete at least one semester of full-time enrollment in an accredited or approved institution of higher education prior to December 31st, 2024, for any reason, scholarship funds must be refunded to the Angus Foundation.
- 7. Applicants can ONLY receive North Dakota Angus Foundation general scholarships twice. Applications MUST be made each year. Past applicants and recipients of North Dakota Angus Foundation general scholarships can continue to apply for named scholarships unless specified otherwise by the Angus Foundation.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT PROCEDURE

1. <u>Application:</u> Interested applicants can download the current version from the North Dakota Angus Association website (http://www.ndangus.com/formsapplications/) or request a copy by emailing northdakotaangus@gmail.com.

- 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 North Dakota Angus Association Web site. (Older forms will be disqualified)
 - B. The Original completed application must be on white 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 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. <u>Transcript:</u> The application MUST include a copy of the <u>most current</u> (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. <u>Letters of Recommendation:</u> Your application MUST include three (3) letters of recommendation. Include <u>ONE</u> from each category <u>Letters must clearly identify the relationship to the applicant.</u>
 - 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:

Professional, not casual head shots are recommended. These are used in public relations. EMAIL digital

copy to Scholarship Chair at northdakotaangus@gmail.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 transcript

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

- 1) Be signed and dated by the applicant. (Electronic signature not accepted)
- 2) 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
- 3) Include copy of most current transcript-last completed grading period
- 4) Include member code of the applicant.
- 5) The original complete printed application will be <u>mailed</u> to the Scholarship Chair (Including 3 reference letters and transcript).
- 6) Be postmarked by November 1, 2023 and mailed to North Dakota Angus Association, 3651 10th Ave NE, Drake, ND 58736.

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 mailing it.