

AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL JUNIOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM Bronze and Silver Award | Rules & Guidelines

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. In an effort to encourage all juniors not only to strive for excellence, but to report it, we have broadened the award categories so that more young people will be eligible for recognition. Any Life, Regular, or Junior member of the American Angus Association who is under 21 years of age may apply.

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.

Junior members will be responsible for recording the points they have accumulated. This can be done using the record books online at www.njaa.info. Or information can be stored throughout the years in the juniors AAA login profile, under the programs tab. When juniors have accumulated the required number of points for the Bronze and/or Silver Awards, juniors must submit their application using their AAA login. For more information on how to submit your application via AAA login watch this video [here](#).

The Bronze Award requires a minimum point accumulation of 1000. The Silver Award requires an additional 1000 unique points, for a total of at least 2000 points. The Gold requires yet another 1000 points, for a total of 3000 points. **In order to be eligible for the Gold Award, application for the Silver Award must be made prior to January 1 of the junior's last year of eligibility as a junior member** (the calendar year in which the junior's 21st birthday occurs). Applications for the Gold Award will be provided to all Silver Award winners in January of their final year of eligibility as junior members.

Winners of the various levels receive a specially designed pin, cast in the metal of the respective award (Bronze, Silver, or Gold). Recipients of the National Junior Recognition Program Awards also receive local, regional, and national recognition through media and at Angus functions.

Helpful Hints in Completing the NJRP Application:

1. Read the "Rules and Guidelines" for each category carefully before beginning.
2. Use separate sheets of paper as worksheets, then insert the information into your AAA login profile.
3. NOTE: Regional shows and regional preview shows are not the same. The American Angus Association co-sponsors several regional preview shows each year, but only two regional shows.
4. NOTE: "Bred-and-Owned" means that you are the breeder and first and continuous owner of the animal in question.
5. Points must be earned in each of categories I, II, III, and IV.
6. Juniors must accumulate 1,000 points for the Bronze award, an additional 1,000 unique points for the Silver award and an additional 1,000 unique points for the Gold award.
7. No more than 500 points toward the Bronze, 750 points toward the Silver and 1,000 points toward the Gold may be used in each of the categories I, II, III, IV to count towards the total amount of points.

I. ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

RULES AND GUIDELINES - Association Activities

1. No more than 500 points toward Bronze; 750 points toward Silver; 1000 points toward Gold.
 2. The offices of secretary and treasurer is worth 100 points at the state/regional level and 50 for county/district. If combined, the office of Secretary/treasurer is worth the same points as the secretary or treasurer.
 3. Points are awarded for each term of service (i.e., 2 terms as State President = 400 points.)
- * Points awarded only one time.

A. Association Offices (Points are only allowed for Angus Assn activities.)

	<u>National</u>	<u>State, Regional</u>	<u>County, District</u>
President (Chairman)	300	200	100
1st V-President (Vice-Chairman)	300	150	75
2nd V-President	---	100	50
Secretary	---	100	50
Treasurer	---	100	50
Other Office	300	80	40
Director	150	60	30
Member*	100	50	20

B. Association Representative

Voting Delegate	120	---	---
Angus Queen	200	100	---
Princess, Ebonette, Etc.*	---	50	---
Scholarship Winner	250	200	---
Leadership Conference Participant	150	100	50
Raising the Bar Participant or STAR	100	---	---
Angus Convention	150	---	---
Angus Ambassador	200	---	---

C. National Junior Angus Show

Mentoring Program Participant	50	---	---
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II. COMPETITION ACTIVITIES

RULES AND GUIDELINES - Competition Activities

1. No more than 500 points toward Bronze; 750 points toward Silver; 1000 points toward Gold.

A. Junior Angus Shows

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
	National		NAILE	**	
	Junior	Eastern,	Amer Royal	Jr Preview	County
	Angus	Western	Denver	State	District
	<u>Show</u>	<u>Regional</u>	Atl Natl	Fairs	<u>Local</u>
			<u>Reg Prevs</u>	<u>State Jr</u>	
Grand Champion/ Reserve	120	90	80	70	40
Division Champion/Reserve	110	80	70	60	30
Class Winner	100	70	60	50	20
2nd - 10th Place	90	60	50	40	10
All Other Places	80	50	40	--	--

RULES AND GUIDELINES - Competition Activities, Jr Angus Shows

2. Double points if Bred-and-Owned.
 3. No single animal may contribute more than 350 points toward your total.
 4. Maximum of 100 points allowed in the County, District, Local category.
 5. Points may be earned on registered Angus animals only.
 6. Count points only for highest placing (i.e., National Champion = 120; NOT 100 + 110 + 120)
 7. Points may also be received for open show participation in Level 3, 4, & 5.
- ** Shows with participation limited to one state. Example: Fort Worth Junior Show - only Texas cattle may show.

B. Showmanship Participation

1. National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	200
2	180
3	160
4	140
5	120
Finalist	100
Hon. Mention	50
2. Contest to Select National Contestants for the National Junior Angus Show Contest
 - a. State Rep to National = 100 points (one time only)
 - b. Alternate = 75 points (one time only)
3. Regional/Regional Preview Shows (Western Regionals and Eastern Regionals)
 - a. First = 60 (senior) or 40 (junior & intermediate)
 - b. Second = 50 (senior) or 30 (junior & intermediate)
 - c. Third = 40 (senior) or 20 (junior & intermediate)
4. State Fair or State Association Show (State Angus Association Show)
 - a. First = 50 (senior) or 30 (junior & intermediate)
 - b. Second = 40 (senior) or 20 (junior & intermediate)
 - c. Third = 30 (senior) or 10 (junior & intermediate)
5. County, Local, or District Show
 - a. First = 20 (senior) or 15 (junior & intermediate)
 - b. Second = 15 (senior) or 10 (junior & intermediate)

RULES AND GUIDELINES - Competition Activities, Showmanship Participation

2. Points allowed for highest placing only in National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.
2. Maximum of 100 points allowed in the County, District, Local category.

C. Contests

1.	<u>Contest Name</u>	CONTEST LEVEL		
		<u>National</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>State</u>
	Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Photography, Poster; Graphic Design; Team Sales; Beef Cook-off; Quiz Bowl; Creative Writing; Team Fitting; Livestock Judging			
	1st Place	100	70	50
	2nd Place	90	60	30
	3rd Place	80	40	20
	Participants	50	40	20

RULES AND GUIDELINES - Competition Activities, Contests

2. Only those contests sponsored by the AAA, NJAA, State or Regional Angus Associations are eligible.
3. Count points only for highest placing per contest year.
4. In completing the form, contest name refers to extemporaneous public speaking, beef cook-off, team sales, photography, etc., and contest level refers to national, regional or state.

III. PERFORMANCE TESTING ACTIVITIES

RULES AND GUIDELINES - Performance Testing Activities

1. No more than 500 points toward Bronze; 750 points toward Silver; 1000 points toward Gold.
- A. AHIR (Recorded with the American Angus Association)**
1. Complete weaning records on all calves recorded in junior's name 50 points per year per herd, NOT per calf.
 2. Complete yearling records on all calves recorded in junior's name 50 points per year per herd, NOT per calf.
- B. Performance Pedigree**
Obtain Performance information on bulls siring calves in your herd = 50 points each
- C. Pathfinders**
Produce a Pathfinder Cow = 250 points per Pathfinder Cow
- D. Genomic Profile Testing**
Animals with genetic testing in your herd = 50 points
- E. Carcass Data**
Collect carcass data on Bred-and-Owned registered Angus steers = 100 points per steer (carcass data must be accompanied by signature of qualified supervisor)
Carcass data on steers entered in the NJAS Carcass Contest = 100 points per steer
- F. Performance Testing**
Performance testing Bred-and-Owned bulls = 100 points per bull (both home test and central test stations are acceptable, however, contemporary groups must be 5 or larger)

IV. PRODUCING AND MERCHANDISING ANGUS

RULES AND GUIDELINES - Producing and Merchandising Angus

1. No more than 500 points toward Bronze; 750 points toward Silver; 1000 points toward Gold.

A. Registrations: cattle which you have raised and registered = 25 points each

B. Transfers:cattle which you have either purchased or sold = 15 points each

C. Participation in Production or Consignment Sales
50 points per lot consigned. (Applies to registered Angus only)

D. Farm Signs
Design and Build or Purchase Farm Signs
(Points awarded only once, and photos must be included)

1. Permanent for home use = 50 points
2. Portable for exhibition use = 50 points

V. OTHER (No points given. However, may be used to construct a press release for recognition through media. Requires a written description of the program and your achievements.)

A. 4-H Livestock Activities

1. National 4-H Beef Award
2. State 4-H Beef Award
3. County 4-H Beef Award
4. National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Team Contestant
5. State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Team Contestant
6. National 4-H Club Congress Representative

B. FFA Livestock Activities

1. American Farmer
2. Star Farmer
3. State Farmer
4. Chapter or Area Beef Proficiency Award
5. State FFA Judging Team Contestant
6. National FFA Judging Team Contestant

C. Other Activities

1. A.I. Program
2. Forage Improvement Program
3. Beef Improvement Program
4. Other Agricultural Activities

D. Looking Back and Looking Ahead

1. Reflections on your career as a junior member.
2. Outline of your goals for the future.
3. Quality headshot, in .jpg or .png format to be used for publicity purposes.