

Illinois Junior Angus Handbook  
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by the Illinois Junior Angus Board of Directors

**Forward:**

To the Great Illinois Junior Angus Enthusiast:

Being part of the Illinois Junior Angus Association will be one of the most rewarding experiences of your life. The uniqueness of being young and owning cattle is a privilege many youngsters never have. Being a member of IJAA will contribute things to you as a person that you may not realize until later in your life.

Traditionally, the IJAA has been an organization run by its membership and elected officers. The men and women organizations and the junior advisors have always given advice and counsel to the juniors, but the final decisions were left to you, the members.

It would be beneficial to each and every one of you to become involved in the IJAA. There are many events and programs at both the state and national level in which you can participate. Don't wait to be asked. Just say "I want to get involved", and join the Illinois juniors.

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# Constitution and By-Laws of the Illinois Junior Angus Association

**Article I. Name:** The Association shall be known as the Illinois Junior Angus Association.

**Article II. Purpose: Section 1.** The object of the association shall be the promotion of the production of Aberdeen Angus Cattle through the interests and relations stimulated by activities for and of the Illinois Junior Angus Association.

**Section 2.** To arrange and participate in activities, exhibits and field days on the local, regional, and national levels for the purpose of furthering the interest and membership to the association.

**Article III. Membership:** Any resident of the state of Illinois who is under the age of 21 as of January 1 of the current year, regardless of sex, race, or marital status, may join the association.

To become a member, an individual must send the lifetime fee of \$10 plus his/her name, address, phone number, birthdate, and email address to the secretary of the organization. Members do not have to be affiliated with any other Angus Association.

**Article IV. Officers: Section 1.** The officers shall consist of the following: president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer, show secretary, reporter, and ten to fifteen elected board of directors. The board of directors shall consist of directors, preferably from different parts of the state.

**Section 2.** The executive committee shall consist of the above mentioned individuals who will serve a one-year term, excluding the treasurer, whom serves a two year term. The executive committee shall act upon all emergency matters or upon any other question referred to them for decision.

**Article V. Election of Officers:** Officers and board members shall be elected at the annual meeting held in conjunction with the Illinois Angus Association Banquet after turning in an acceptable application to the advisor chairing elections. Nominations will only be taken from the floor if there have not been enough applications received to fill all positions on the board. The officers of the association shall be voted by ballot unless otherwise directed at the annual meeting. Officers shall be elected for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified. This is with the exception of the Treasurer, who serves a two year term. In the case of a vacancy of any office, it shall be the duty of the executive committee to fill the vacancy by appointment of a member in good standing.

**Section 1. Election of Executive Committee:** The election of the executive committee shall be elected at the annual meeting. A majority of all members present shall be necessary to elect the board of directors. Candidates to the executive committee must have served two years on the board of directors prior to running for office. Any remaining candidates that were not elected to the executive committee in the new year are eligible to run for the board of directors at the annual meeting.

**Section 2. Election of the Board of Directors:** The board of directors shall be elected at the annual meeting. A majority of all members present shall be necessary to elect the board of directors.

**Article VI. Duties of Officers:** All officers are required to assist in the set-up and

tear-down of the IJAA Field Day and serve a minimum of two shifts working the show ring. **Section 1.** The president shall preside at meetings, and shall perform all duties pertaining to the office, including preparing an agenda for the upcoming meeting, assisting the reporter in updating social media, and assisting in preparing a budget for the year.

**Section 2.** The first vice president shall preside and function as president in the absence of the president, and also has the responsibility of serving all awards, trophies and ribbons for the Field Day and Appreciation Awards at the Annual Banquet.

**Section 3.** The second vice president shall preside in the position of the first vice president in the absence of the president and the first vice. This person is also the chairperson of the National Junior Angus Show. This person shall form a committee to assist with meals, opening ceremonies, t-shirts, and display. They will be responsible for storing and hauling the rods and curtains.

**Section 4.** The secretary shall keep the official roll of all members and their addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and date of birth. This individual is also responsible for keeping the list in alphabetical order and up to date, including expired memberships and membership information changes. Written record of all proceedings of the association meetings shall be kept and a report is to be given at every meeting. The individual is also responsible for correspondence with new national members in an effort to encourage them to join our association.

**Section 5.** The treasurer of the IJAA is responsible for sending invoices, paying bills, making deposits into the account and withdrawing money for premiums. The treasurer must always keep an up to date accurate balance and be prepared to give a report at each meeting. The treasurer also needs to keep an up to date budget with year to date totals.

**Section 6.** The show secretary shall be responsible for the field day. The show secretary will prepare the entry form, accept entries, and fees for the show and shall set up classes with assistance from the AAA for the show. The show secretary is also responsible for the mailing of sponsorship letters for the field day.

**Section 7.** The reporter shall report all newsworthy information to the designated agricultural news agencies, keep social media accounts updated multiple times a month, and prepare a scrapbook for the National Junior Angus Show if he/she wishes.

**Section 9.** The director must be at least 12 years of age as of January 1 and attend 2 executive meetings. There should be ten to fifteen directors all serving one year terms. All directors are required to find a minimum of one new sponsor each year. Directors are required to serve on at least one official committee.

**Article VII. Official Committees:** The official committees are intended to aid the executive committee in preparing and executing their duties, while giving the board of directors an opportunity to participate in higher leadership roles. Official Committees will be chaired by officers of the executive committee. The Board of Directors are expected to serve on official committees. Official Committees consist of, but are not limited to: IJAA Field Day Recreation, NJAS Preparation, Field Day Organization, Communications, and Awards. The executive committee has the power to create and retire committees in order to best fit the needs of the IJAA. Committees

will be formed following elections at the annual Angus meeting.

**Article VIII. Advisors:** Advisors shall be elected by the executive committee and board. There will be three advisors, each serving a three-year term, staggered with each advisor being elected each consecutive year. Advisors may be re-elected after their first term for a second three-year term at the November board of directors meeting.

**Article IX. Showmanship: Section 1.** Two representatives and two alternatives will be selected from the senior division to represent Illinois in the National Showmanship contest. These four individuals will be selected at the Illinois Junior Angus Field Day by judges elected by the association's executive committee and board members.

**Section 2.** Showmanship participants must be a member of the IJAA for two years prior to competing in the senior national qualifying showmanship competition.

**Article X. Queen, Ebonettes, and Princesses.** The Illinois Angus Queen, Ebonettes, and Princesses shall be elected annually at least two weeks prior to the Illinois Angus Banquet at a place and time to be designated by the retiring queen. The election board should consist of the current IJAA president, an IJAA junior advisor, an IAA auxiliary board member and the current IJAA queen. The Illinois Angus Queen must have served within the royalty program for two years with one being an Ebonette and current member of the Illinois Junior Angus Association. The Illinois Angus Queen must be 17 years old as of January 1 of the current year. This individual is responsible for attending state, regional, and national shows and activities, informing the Ebonettes and Princesses of activities and promoting the Angus breed in a positive way.

Ebonettes must be 15 years old as of January 1 of the current year and a current member of the Illinois Junior Angus Association. Each individual is responsible for attending state Angus activities to promote the Angus breed in a positive way.

Princesses must be 12 years old by January 1 of the current year and a current member of the Illinois Junior Angus Association. Each individual is responsible for attending state Angus activities to promote the Angus breed in a positive way.

**Article XI. National Activities.** The executive committee shall be responsible for providing information to all members for the timely nomination of the National Junior Angus Board candidates, Advisor of the year candidates, Honorary Foundation candidates or any other awards and honors as deemed appropriate by the association.

The executive committee with the second vice president as chairperson shall also be initially responsible for organizing its members for other national activities and competitions, including but not limited to, National Junior Recognition Program, summer job program, scholarships, State of the Year award, scrapbook contest, National Junior Angus Show and Showmanship Contest, other Junior Angus and preview shows, NJAA board candidates and delegates and advisors of the year.

**Section 1.** Two NJAS delegates and two alternates will be elected at the annual meeting. A majority of all members present shall be necessary to elect the delegates and alternates. Delegates must be 14 years or older as of January 1st of the year they plan to serve. Two years of service on the Board or Directors is required prior to candidacy. Delegates can serve a maximum of two years of service unless no other

candidates have been presented.

**Section 2.** Only one candidate from the state of Illinois can be selected to represent the state when running for the National Junior Angus Board of Directors. Candidates at the state level must be elected at the annual meeting to represent Illinois at the NJAS. A majority of all members present shall be necessary to elect the state representative. Candidates must declare their desire to run prior to the fall board meeting. Candidates must submit two letters of recommendation prior to election. Ten minutes of open panel questioning will be held with members at the annual meeting before the election. Bronze and Silver Awards are recommended for candidates.

**Article XII. Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the Illinois Angus Association Banquet.

**Article XIII. Special meetings.** The president may, through the secretary, call a special meeting or conference call at any time deemed advisable and shall call such meetings when requested to do so by five or more officers or directors.

**Article XIV. Amendments.** The foregoing by-laws or any part thereof may be amended in whole or in part at any annual meeting or adjourned sessions thereof by a two thirds vote of the members present.

**Article XV. Order of Business.** The order of business of the annual meeting shall be as follows:

1. Record names of those present
2. Read and approve minutes of last meeting
3. Treasurer's report
4. President's address
5. Officers report
6. Committee reports
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Election of officers (when in order)
10. General Program
11. Adjournment

## Suggested guidelines to follow to keep Great IJAA Traditions

1. **Showmanship Judges** -- Two winners from the previous year and two additional persons who have won or have judged showmanship (adults) shall serve as showmanship judges for the IJAA State Field Day. If either of the previous year winners has a conflict of interest with an immediate relative participating in the showmanship contest, then said person shall be excluded from judging that contest. Showmanship tradition always has the showmanship representative stick for the best five head at the national show.
2. **National Board Candidate** -- If more than one member is nominated, they are voted on in an open meeting at the Annual Meeting. Voting delegates (two) for the NJAA board elections shall be chosen at the Annual meeting. Must declare you are going to run for the National Board at the Fall Board Meeting.
3. **Money Makers** -- T-Shirt Logo auction at the annual banquet and sponsorship donations for the Field Day, or any other fundraisers voted on by the board. Money from the cd is to help offset Field Day expenses and principle is used for future National or Regional Junior Shows in Illinois.
4. **Joe Bessler Herdsmanship Award:** Traveling trophy given at Field Day and voted on by membership. Read letter before accepting nominations. A copy of the letter should accompany the trophy.
5. **Calendar of Events** -- the executive committee will establish a yearly calendar of events, which shall include timely board meetings and activities to benefit the general membership.
6. **Rules for Field Day** -- Review and discuss either at fall or spring director planning meetings. These rules are voted on by directors and should only be changed at their meeting. The show must follow these rules and should conform closely to the national rules.



# Rules for Illinois Junior Angus Field Day

1. There will be both an owned heifer division and a bred and owned heifer division.
2. Each exhibitor may enter an unlimited number of bred and owned heifers but may enter only 4 in the owned division.
3. Each exhibitor may enter an unlimited number of Angus steers
4. Each entry must be recorded solely in the name of the exhibitor by June 1 of the year.
5. Heifers, bulls and steers must have been calved on or before March 31 of the current year.
6. Health papers and registration papers must accompany all animals (including steers)
7. Bred and owned bulls -- no limit on the number shown.
8. All steers must be purebred Angus and registered.
9. All junior exhibitors must show their own cattle (exceptions are made for those with more than one entry in a class or medical reasons). Cattle present -- you are present.
10. All exhibitors must be a member or become a member of the Illinois Junior Angus Association.
11. All entries are submitted to the show secretary.
12. Showmanship:  
All ages break as of January 1 of the current year.

Senior Division non competing for NJAS -- 18 years old - 21 years old

Intermediate Division -- 15 years old - 17 years old

Junior B Division -- 12 years old - 14 years old

Junior A Division -- 9 years old - 11 years old

Pee Wee Division -- Under 9 years old

Senior Division competing for NJAS -- 18-21 years old

These rules should be voted on and changes made each year.

We will select a Top 5 Bred and Owned Heifer and Top 5 Owned Heifer

## Illinois Angus Queen:

1. Must have served within the royalty program for two years, one being an Ebonette
2. Must be 17 years old by January 1 of the current year
3. Must be a current member of the Illinois Angus Association
4. Must submit an application

### Selection Criteria:

1. Application
2. Enthusiasm for the program
3. Knowledge of Angus Cattle
4. Interview
5. Personality and Appearance

### Responsibilities:

1. Must attend the Illinois Angus Annual Banquet, Illinois Beef Expo, Illinois Junior Angus Field Day, Central Illinois Preview Show, National Junior Angus Show, and the Illinois State Fair Open and Junior Shows to help hand out ribbons/awards.
2. Order the next queen's gifts and crown, sashes and flowers for the ebonettes and princesses.
3. Keep the Ebonettes/Princesses informed of upcoming events and responsibilities.
4. Recruit and send out applications to prospective Ebonettes/Princesses/Queen.
5. Promote the Angus Association and royalty program wherever possible with dignity and honor as you were selected to represent the program.
6. Have fun and meet new people.

## Illinois Angus Ebonette/Princess:

### Requirements:

1. Must be 15 years old by January 1 of the present year to apply for an Ebonette and 12 years old as of January 1 of the present year to apply for a Princess.
2. Must be a current member of the Illinois Junior Angus Association
3. Must submit an application.

### Selection Criteria:

1. Application
2. Enthusiasm for the program
3. Knowledge of Angus Cattle
4. Interview
5. Personality and Appearance

### Responsibilities:

1. Must attend the Illinois Angus Annual Banquet, Illinois Beef Expo, Illinois Junior Angus Field Day, Central Illinois Preview Show, National Junior Angus Show, and the Illinois State Fair Open and Junior Shows to help hand out ribbons/awards.
2. Should attend all Illinois Junior Angus Association meetings.
3. Promote the Angus Association and royalty program wherever possible with dignity and honor as you were selected to represent the program.
4. Assist the Illinois Angus Queen in the presentation of awards.
5. Have fun and meet new people.

# Queen Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a photo of yourself.

please type a paragraph on each of the following and attach:

1. Why are you interested in becoming Angus Queen? Why would you make a good queen? What (if any) changes would you make to the program?
2. List your past IJAA/NJAA (or any other Angus Association) involvement (i.e. years involved, offices held, etc.)
3. List your school/community involvement (i.e. clubs, church, livestock organizations, sports, etc.)

There will be a meeting and interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill this form out and return to me by: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive forms back by: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions please call me at: \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely, Current Angus Queen

## Ebonette/Princess Application:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a photo of yourself.

please type a paragraph on each of the following and attach:

1. Why are you interested in becoming an Illinois Angus Ebonette/Princess?  
Why would you make a good Ebonette/Princess?
2. List your past IJAA/NJAA (or any other Angus Association) involvement (i.e. years involved, offices held, etc.)
3. List your school/community involvement (i.e. clubs, church, livestock organizations, sports, etc.)

There will be a meeting and interview: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill this form out and return to me by: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive forms back by: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions please call me at: \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely, Current Angus Queen

## Illinois Junior Angus Association Questions for Queen/Ebonette/Princess

1. Why do you want to become a Queen/Ebonette/Princess?
2. Will you be able to attend all Angus shows required?
3. Do you have summer plans other than the Queen/Ebonette/Princess program?
4. What cattle are you showing this summer?
5. What Angus shows do you regularly attend?
6. What bulls do you use in your family's Angus herd and are you familiar with artificial insemination and embryo transplant?
7. Have you ever been to the National Junior Angus Show?
8. Where will this year's National Junior Angus Show be held and are you planning to attend?
9. What characteristic do you think makes the Illinois juniors successful as a group?
10. Who are the Illinois representatives for the National Board?
11. Who are the Illinois junior officers and directors?
12. Who is our regional manager?
13. Where is the National Angus Headquarters located?
14. Who is the National Junior Activities Director?
15. Who are our State Junior Advisors and why is it important to know them?
16. Who is the president of the Illinois Angus Association?
17. Who won the Denver heifer and bull shows this year?
18. Can you give a brief history of the Angus breed?
19. What promotion ideas do you have for the Illinois Angus royalty program?
20. What does CAB stand for and why is it important in Angus promotion?

## Joseph F. Bessler Memorial Herdsman Award

Joe Bessler, born May 19, 1961, was the son of Jerome F. and Joyce Bessler of Sparland Illinois. He was the middle child in a family of five children that consisted of four boys and a girl. The entire family was actively involved in operating the family owned livestock farm known as JB Angus Farm. The registered Angus herd was started in 1965. At the time of Joe's death, the farm consisted of approximately six hundred acres, two hundred registered Angus cows, and 90 crossbred sows.

Joe's love for Angus cattle was second only to his love for farming in general. He could spend day and night on a tractor and always put in long hours on the farm. Joe, along with his brothers and sister, showed cattle at many county fairs, 4-H shows, and regional and national Angus cattle shows. Joe won several championships with his cattle, and had been selected as a showmanship winner on occasion, and had even won a county fair herdsmanship award. He was very active in 4-H from the age of nine. He was a member of the Illinois Junior Angus Association. In his freshman year of high school, he had already been elected an officer of his FFA chapter, and he was a winning member of a successful livestock judging team.

On June 4, 1976, Joe died of injuries suffered in a motorbike accident that occurred that evening as he was doing chores on the family farm. Joe loved to show cattle, but being the third son often spent more time as the family herdsman than he did in the show ring. Joe Bessler was small in stature, but had a heart as big as all outdoors. He enjoyed life to the fullest and he would do anything to help others. Therefore, the Bessler family, in his memory and with much pride, established the Joseph F. Bessler Memorial Herdsman Award to go to the outstanding Illinois Junior Angus member who most helps others as well as caring for his own cattle.

**Past winners of the Bessler Herdsman Award:**

1977:	Jan Herriott
1978:	Dan Kieseewetter
1979:	Bill Haskins
1980:	John Kieseewetter
1981:	Bruce Kieseewetter
1982:	Lori Pierce
1983:	Barb Baylor
1984:	Theresa Spivey
1985:	Brian Baylor
1986:	Paul Kieseewetter
1987:	Missy Hobbs
1988:	Camie Jackson
1989:	Cherish Hobbs
1990:	Erica Johnson
1991:	Tessa Hobbs
1992:	Jeff Dameron
1993:	Cheryl Allen
1994:	Kim Carroll
1995:	Lucas Young
1996:	Abbie Sperry
1997:	John Dickinson
1998:	Cathy Miller
1999:	TJ Curtin
2000:	Trever Kuipers
2001:	Tyler Musgrave
2002:	Chelsea Frost
2003:	Dusty DeRycke
2004:	Justin Moritz
2005:	Alicia Kramer
2006:	Melissa Wineinger
2007:	Kyle Anderson
2008:	Andy Headley
2009:	Dillon Lemenager
2010:	Jennifer Ewing
2011:	Lauren Adcock
2012:	
2013:	Austin Betzold
2014:	
2015:	Kalie Rumbold
2016:	Chase Anderson
2017:	Troy Rawlings
2018:	Eric Schafer
2019:	Amber Schiffbauer
2020:	Katelyn Eathington



2021:	Lauryn Mool
2022:	Jack Dameron
2023:	Ashlyn Mool
2024:	Kyle Eathington

## Linda Dameron Memorial Award

The Linda Dameron Memorial Award is presented annually to the exhibitor of the champion bred and owned female at the Illinois Junior Angus Field Day. This award was formed following the sudden death of Linda Dameron on July 17, 1983. Linda was an avid Angus booster, an enthusiastic supporter of Angus youth programs and a firm believer in the value of the Bred and Owned Division.

Her husband Gary and her children, Christy, Jay, Jeff and Julie have all been active in the junior Angus programs.

The award consists of a traveling loving cup engraved with each winner's name. Each recipient retains possession of the trophy for one year and receives a replica at the following year's Illinois Junior Angus Field Day.

### **Past winners of the Linda Dameron Memorial Award:**

1984:	Bruce Haas
1985:	Jeff Dameron
1986:	Jay Dameron
1987:	Stacy Pierce
1988:	Jeff Dameron
1989:	Jeff Dameron
1990:	Lindsay Swartz
1991:	Stephen Murphy
1992:	Lori Baudino
1993:	Julie Dameron
1994:	Jackie Boston
1995:	Julie Dameron
1996:	Julie Dameron
1997:	Julie Dameron
1998:	TJ Curtin
1999:	Julie Dameron
2000:	Kae Siebring
2001:	Dustin Bedel
2002:	Tera Moritz
2003:	Brian Bertelsen
2004:	Colby Horsley
2005:	Kyle Anderson
2006:	Kyle Anderson
2007:	Kyle Anderson
2008:	Kyle Anderson
2009:	Kyle Anderson
2010:	Kyle Anderson
2011:	Gabrielle Lemenager
2012:	Eric McClure
2013:	Brooke Haas
2014:	Amelia Miller

2015:	Chase Anderson
2016:	Jack Dameron
2017:	Anne Dameron
2018:	Lauryn Mool
2019:	Amelia Miller
2020:	Amelia Miller
2021:	Jack Dameron
2022:	Ashlyn Mool
2023:	Max Dameron
2024:	Ashton Dillow

## Outstanding Junior Award

The Outstanding Junior Award, given in memory of John Spivey, was established in 1981. This award was designed to honor a member of the Illinois Junior Angus Association who not only is active in showing cattle, but also takes a leadership role in the Association. This award, presented each year at the Illinois Angus Banquet, is donated by the Spivey Family each year.

### Qualifications:

1. Must be at least a junior in high school
2. Must be an officer or director of the Illinois Junior Angus Association
3. Individual can win this award only one time
4. Junior members can accumulate points only on their top three placing animals at the state and national shows (heifers can be bred-and-owned, owned or both). List both the year and the registered name of the animal.

### Point system:

IJAA State Officer:	25	
IJAA Director:	15	
Committee Member	5/committee	
National Board Member:	20	
National Showmanship Contest:	20	
Top 15:	3	
Top 5:	5	
Lead Conference:	10/year	
Raising the Bar	10/year	
NJAS Contests:	10/contest	
Meetings attended:	2/meeting	
Shows:	State:	National:
Grand Champion B&O Heifer:	20	25
Reserve Champ B&O Heifer:	15	20
Division Champ B&O Heifer	5	10
Res. Division B&O Heifer	3	5
Champion Owned Heifer	15	20

Res Champion Owned Heifer	10	15
Division Champ Owned Heifer	7	10
Res Division Champ Owned Heifer	3	5
Champion B&O Bull	10	15
Res Champion B&O Bull	7	10
Division Champion B&O Bull	3	5
Res Division B&O Bull	3	5
Champion Steer:	10	15
Reserve Champion Steer	7	10
Champion Cow/Calf Pair	10	15
Reserve Champ Cow/Calf Pair	7	10
NJAS Class Placings:		First: 10
		Second: 7
		Third: 5
		Fourth: 3
		Fifth: 1

**Past winners of the Outstanding Junior Award:**

1982:	Barb Baylor
1983:	Dorla Cates
1984:	Missy Hobbs
1985:	Christy Dameron
1986:	Eric Zehr
1987:	Jay Dameron
1988:	Stacy Pearce
1989:	Cherish Hobbs
1990:	Beth Bengston
1991:	Tessa Hobbs
1992:	Jeff Dameron
1993:	Lucas Young
1994:	Kim Carroll
1995:	Lucas Young
1996:	Abbie Sperry
1997:	
1998:	
1999:	
2000:	
2001:	Alicia Kramer
2002:	Trever Kuipers
2003:	Chelsea Frost
2004:	Justin Moritz
2005:	Tanna Fruhling
2006:	Melissa Wineinger
2007:	Jennifer Ringwelski
2008:	Gretchen Frost
2009:	Rebecca Hurst
2010:	Kyle Anderson
2011:	Jennifer Ewing
2012:	
2013:	
2014:	
2015:	
2016:	Keegan Cassady
2017:	Sierra Day
2018:	Lindsey Decker
2019:	Eric Schafer

2020:	Emily Brooks
2021:	Reese Anderson
2022:	Paige Lemenager
2023:	Ashlyn Mool
2024:	No applicant

## Mitchell Widholm Outstanding Junior Family Award

### **Past Winners of the Mitchell Widholm Outstanding Junior Family Award:**

2007:	Robert Lemenager Family and Bill Strawson Family
2008:	Jim Moritz Family
2009:	Richard Hurst Family
2010:	Scott Anderson Family
2011:	Mike Day Family
2012:	McClure Family
2013:	
2014:	Lemenager Family
2015:	
2016:	
2017:	Eathington Family
2018:	Zimmerman Family
2019:	Miller Family
2020:	Anderson Family
2021:	Dameron Family
2022:	Sellmeyer Family
2023:	Mool Family
2024:	Lemenager Family

## H. George Sperry Memorial Showmanship Award

George Sperry loved raising and showing cattle. This was no secret to anyone who talked to him for more than 10 minutes. But what some people might not have known about George was his love for showmanship. In his mind it was a game that could be won by anyone that really wanted to put forth hard work and dedication. Some things he taught his family members and anyone who wanted help with showmanship were: to practice at home, watch others who were more experienced, listen to others input, know how your animal acts in a variety of situations, even to the extent of knowing where holes are in the show ring and best location to stop your animal. The list could go on. George honestly believed that if you knew how to show well, you could show your way into first place. He would say that you could spend all the money in the world to buy an animal or you might even know the judge, but if you could not show well enough to stand in the top half then it did not matter. In his mind you always showed as if you were in a showmanship contest no matter what show you were at or what place you were in. And last but not least,

George would always say if you love what you do it'll reflect in the ring.

On November 4, 2008, George passed away from cancer at the age of 65. George's life truly was about his family, friends and Angus cattle. In his memory, the Sperry family has established the H. George Sperry Memorial Showmanship Award. This award will be a traveling trophy given to the top senior showman at the Illinois State Field Day, to represent Illinois at the NJAS. George has three daughters, and all three represented Illinois at the NJAS Showmanship Contest. With everything he accomplished in his life with cattle this was always one of the things he was most proud of.

**Past winners of the H. George Sperry Memorial Showmanship Award:**

2009:	Brett Taylor
2010:	Cameron McClure
2011:	Lauren Adcock
2012:	Eric McClure
2013:	Kayla Widerman
2014:	Taylor Adcock
2015:	Gabrielle Lemenager
2016:	Chase Anderson
2017:	Kallie Rumbold
2018:	Lucas Wiseneski
2019:	Renae Locke
2020:	Lauryn Mool
2021:	Ashlyn Mool
2022:	Paige Lemenager
2023:	Amelia Miller
2024:	Lauren Wolter

## **Troy Miller Memorial Award**

This award is replacing the Spotlight Award that has been presented to the breeder and exhibitor of a spotlight heifer.

The family wanted to continue giving an award in memory of Troy so they have now made an award for premier exhibitor at the Illinois Junior Angus Field Day.

Troy was very active in the Illinois Junior program, especially supporting the spotlight program. He loved to show and always showed at many county fairs, including the field day and the state fair.

This award will be awarded to the individual who shows 3 or more head of cattle at the field day. The individual must be between the ages of 8 and 21. This award will go to the individual with the 3 highest placings at the field day.

Points:

1 point:	Class Winner
5 points:	Division Champion
3 points:	Reserve Division Champion
10 points;	Grand Champion
7 points:	Reserve Grand Champion

This award will be presented before the Supreme Drive.

### **Past Winners of the Troy Miller Award:**

2017:	Morgan Hutchins
2018:	Lauryn Mool
2019:	Ben Sellmeyer
2020:	Paige Lemenager
2021:	Jack Dameron
2022:	Ashlyn Mool
2023:	Paige Lemenager
2024:	Paige Lemenager



# Illinois Junior Angus Association Scholarship

**Criteria:** This scholarship is designed for past and present Illinois Junior Angus members entering their second, third or fourth year of college.

**Scholarship Application Requirements and Directions:** Please attach a sheet with each section labeled accordingly:

**Section 1:** Name, Address, Email, Phone Number, Date of Birth, School Address

**Section 2:** Angus Competitive Activities and Involvement: List involvements and participation with the Angus Association awards and competitions. (ex. Bronze Awards, NJAS Contests, Showmanship, Honors, other scholarships)

**Section 3:** Angus Leadership Activities: List Angus association and organizations of which you are and or where an officer or active member. Additional, list conferences, committees, and duties performed. (ex. Raising the Bar, LEAD, etc.)

**Section 4:** Other Agricultural Organizations: List committees, honors, activities, contest and awards you competed in (ex. State 4-H Livestock Judging, State FFA Meats, etc.)

**Section 5:** Other Organizations involving leadership roles: List accomplishments and involvements in these organizations (ex. church, Phi Theta Kappa, student government).

**Section 6:** How are you going to put this scholarship to good use (maximum 500 words)

**Section 7:** Must submit a current transcript

**Section 8:** Must submit 2 letters of recommendation

Please submit through mail only postmarked by April 1 of the current year to an advisor. Applications will be evaluated by a panel of three anonymous judges selected through votes collected at the November IJAA meeting. Winners will be announced at state IJAA show in June.

**Past winners of the IJAA Scholarship:**

2017: Keegan Cassady, Ben Marsh  
2018: Sierra Day, Dalton Lemenager  
2019: Lindsey Decker  
2020:  
2021:

2022:

2023:

2024: Reese Anderson, Audrey Curtin

# Chuck Pezanoski Memorial Beef AI Scholarship

Chuck Pezanoski had a passion for Angus cattle, breeding, and pursuing the next show animal. "Pez" enjoyed showing with his sons, the Illinois Junior Angus Association, and the angus industry. He always had a smile on his face when talking about cattle. His humor, way with words, and excitement for the little things in life are missed. Chuck was an extremely hard working man who enjoyed his business and was dedicated in doing things for others. Chuck was a person that would give the shirt off his back to help someone in need and would have wanted to continue giving back. He was continually thinking about the next cattle mating and way believed that using the science and technology of beef artificial insemination as an important way to improve the herd. His wife Bobbie, and sons Keith and Ty have established the Chuck Pezanoski Illinois Junior Angus Memorial Beef AI Scholarship in his honor. His family and friends know that he would have wanted to continue to help others improve their angus cattle herd. This scholarship is designed to teach the next angus generation how to improve their herd through the use of AI.

**Criteria:** This scholarship is designed to present Illinois Junior Angus members who would like to attend Beef AI school during the calendar year.

**Scholarship Application Requirements and Direction:** Current Illinois Junior Angus members that would like to attend Beef AI School should apply for this \$500 scholarship. It will be required to show proof of Beef AI School attendance, in order to receive the \$500 award. To apply, answer the following questions on an additional attached sheet with each section labeled accordingly. This application should be typed.

Section 1: Name, address, Email, Phone Number, Date of Birth

Section 2: Planned Goals for your Angus Herd: Describe why attending AI school would help improve your herd and your plans for using this technology (250 words max).

Section 3: Angus Leadership Activities: List Angus association and beef organizations of which you and/or were an active member. Additionally list activities, involvement, shows, conferences, committees and other duties performed. (ex. Raising the Bar, LEAD, etc.).

Section 4: Other Agricultural Organizations -- List committees, honors, activities, contest and awards you completed. (ex. State 4-H Livestock Judging, State FFA Meats)

Section 5: Besides herd improvement, what other benefits will you gain from this scholarship? (Max 250 words).

Section 6: Must submit information/sign up information on the AI school you would like to attend.

Please submit by April 1 of the current year to Bobbie Pezanoski, 61 N. 34th Road,

Peru IL 61354. Applications will be evaluated by a panel of three anonymous judges. Winners will be announced at the IJAA Show in June.

**Past winners of the Chuck Pezanoski Memorial Beef AI Scholarship:**

2017:	Troy Rawlings
2018:	Dalton Lemenager

## Heart of Illinois Angus Association Champion Female Award

### **Past Winners of the Heart of Illinois Angus Association Champion Female Award:**

1980:	Brad Worthington
1981:	Laura Haas
1982:	Bruce Haas
1983:	Kevin Reeser
1984:	Christy Dameron
1985:	Christy Dameron
1986:	Eric Zehr
1987:	Matt Bock
1988:	Shelley Weaver
1989:	Julie Dameron
1990:	Jeff Rhode
1991:	Toby Bolsen
1992:	Lucas Young
1993:	Lucas Young
1994:	Betsy Hanks
1995:	Brett Haas
1996:	Julie Dameron
1997:	Cathy Miller
1998:	Nicole Sperry
1999:	Mandy Bauman
2000:	Angie Finnestad
2001:	Colby Horsley
2002:	Shane Anderson
2003:	Justin Adcock
2004:	Josh Moritz
2005:	Callie Rickard
2006:	Chris Cassidy
2007:	Eric McClure
2008:	Cameron McClure
2009:	Lauren Adcock
2010:	Gretchen Frost
2011:	Kyle Anderson
2012:	Eric McClure
2013:	Gabrielle Lemenager
2014:	Taylor Adcock
2015:	Emily Brooks
2016:	Emily Brooks
2017:	Kalie Rumbold
2018:	Caden Crain

2019:	Katelyn Eathington
2020:	Paige Lemenager
2021:	Emma Eathington
2022:	Paige Lemenager
2023:	Ashton Dillow
2024:	Paige Lemenager