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SPRING 2026 CONNECTIONS



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Hello to all our Juniors and fellow Angus breeders,

I hope calving season is going well and the warmer weather is just around the corner. Spring can't come soon enough!

Our Juniors have been busy getting 2026 off to a great start. We were excited to see 65 Junior members gather in Winnipeg, MB from February 14th-16th for the GOAL (Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders) Conference. It was a fantastic weekend filled with networking, learning, and of course, some fun. Events like GOAL continue to be a highlight, bringing Juniors together from across the country to grow as leaders within our industry.

The Canadian Angus Foundation Legacy Scholarship competition was also held during GOAL. Congratulations to all of our 2026 finalists: Emma Fox, who placed first; Reese Wildman, second; and Lucia Johnston, third. Rounding out the group were runners-up Kolt Brost and Tanner Lowe. This program continues to recognize the hard work, dedication, and bright futures of our Angus youth.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to Murray Ranches for supplying the 2025 CJAA Donation Heifer. Your support plays a key role in helping us continue to provide scholarship and travel opportunities for our Juniors across the country.

Looking ahead, one of the most anticipated events of the year is Showdown, taking place July 16th-18th, 2026 in Ayers Cliff, QC. Be sure to mark your calendars! Showdown is an incredible opportunity to connect with fellow Juniors, compete, and showcase your program. Travel and trucking bursaries are available through the Canadian Angus Foundation, so we encourage everyone interested in attending to take advantage of those opportunities.

As always, we encourage all Juniors to get involved, apply for scholarships and bursaries, and make the most of everything the CJAA has to offer. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to a director, we're always happy to help.

Wishing you all a successful spring season, and we look forward to seeing you throughout the year!

CJA Donation to Ronald McDonald House Charities - Manitoba

Canadian Junior Angus is pleased to give back to the communities we visit for GOAL, and this year we asked that registrants bring a donation for Ronald McDonald House Charities Manitoba. Ronald McDonald House Charities Manitoba provides spaces for families caring for their sick child receiving medical treatment in Manitoba. Being surrounded by family makes all the difference when a person is healing – which is why The Ronald McDonald House and Family Room are so important to our communities.

Emma Fox, CJA Manitoba Director dropped a box of items for families to utilize, along with a cash donation.



Thanks CJA members for your generosity!

Canadian Junior Angus and Young Breeder OPPORTUNITIES

SCHOLARSHIPS

Foundation Legacy Scholarship | Deadline: January 5

Three awards totalling \$10,000 will be presented to Canadian Junior Angus members recognizing overall academic achievement, leadership, community involvement, and industry knowledge. Awards in the amounts of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 will be presented.

Dick Turner Memorial Award | Deadline: May 15

The Dick Turner Memorial Award was established after the passing of legendary Angus icon Dick Turner. During his lifetime, Dick committed 55 years of his career to livestock publishing and successfully promoted and advertised the Angus breed specifically through the Canadian Aberdeen Angus News magazine. One \$1,000 scholarship is presented annually.

Canadian Junior Angus Scholarships | Deadline: May 15

A total of three scholarships will be awarded in the amounts of \$3,500, \$2,500, and \$1,500.

Brian Good Memorial Scholarship | Deadline: October 15

The Brian Good Memorial Scholarship was established after the passing of Brian Good, "Mr. Angus". Brian was the commercial connection in the Angus industry for more than 20 years and believed strongly in supporting our youth. Two awards totalling \$5,000 (\$3,000 for first and \$2,000 for second) will be presented to a post-secondary student recognizing overall livestock industry commitment, community involvement and leadership activities.

AWARDS

Junior Angus Stockman of the Year

Nominations due April 15

The Junior Angus Stockman of the Year award recognizes outstanding young cattlemen who are constantly growing their capacity by actively working with their Angus cattle, promoting their operation and cattle to the public, growing their knowledge of nutrition, genetics and breeding, and producing/selling quality Angus cattle. Five finalists will be selected from the nominations and will each receive \$250. The winner will receive a \$5,000 bursary to be used for genetics, cattle supplies/equipment, and/or training, along with travel assistance to attend Showdown.

Outstanding Young Angus Breeder

Nominations due April 15

The Outstanding Young Angus Breeder award was developed to recognize an Angus breeder between the ages of 22 and 30 who has demonstrated a desire to stay involved in the Angus business based on their involvement within the breed up to this point in his/her career. The winner will receive \$5,000.

Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador

Applications due April 30

The Junior Ambassador acts as a role model for youth and represents members of the Canadian Angus Association. It is an opportunity to network with leaders in the agriculture industry and learn from them. Five finalists are selected from the applications and they each receive a \$1,000 scholarship and a finalist buckle as well as assistance to attend Convention where they will compete for the Ambassador title. Ambassadors have the opportunity to attend at least one international event and various major agricultural events in Canada.

BURSARIES

GOAL Travel Bursaries | Deadline: January 1

Bursaries of up to \$1000 will be awarded to deserving CJA members from anywhere in Canada. Bursaries must be used within the same year awarded to help offset travel and registration costs for attending the GOAL Conference.

U.S. Exchange Program | Deadline: May 10

Canadian Junior Angus members have the opportunity to attend Junior Red Angus and National Junior Angus events each year, and in return members of the JRA and NJAA attend Showdown and/or GOAL.

Showdown Travel & Trucking Bursaries

Deadline: May 25 & June 1

Bursaries of up to \$750 will be awarded to six deserving CJA members from anywhere in Canada. Bursaries must be used within the same year awarded to help offset travel costs for attending Showdown. Trucking assistance is also available for those who travel over 1,000 km one way.

Connecting Food and Farm Bursary

The Connecting Food and Farm Travel Bursary was developed to encourage urban or non-livestock youth to attend one of our events with a current member to learn about the industry. Examples of events may include but are not limited to GOAL Conference, the Canadian Angus National Convention or livestock shows.

Self-Directed National or International Travel Bursaries

The Self-Directed National or International Travel Bursaries were developed to assist young Angus breeders with financial travel assistance for conferences or events related to the beef cattle industry. For members aged 18-30.



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Provincial Reports



British Columbia

Hi all, I hope everyone has had a successful calving season and is looking forward to a busy spring and summer!

This year we had four BC representatives at the Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders (GOAL) Conference this February in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Lucia Johnston represented us proudly competing in the Legacy Scholarship including a competitive panel discussion. Congratulations to all the members that participated.

As we look ahead in 2026, we are looking forward to spring shows including Prospect 2000 in Kamloops the second weekend of April as well as Cariboo Classic in Williams Lake this June. The number of Juniors that attend these shows has substantially grown over the past few years and we look forward to seeing returning and new members attend this year! Additionally, the annual BC Angus Association Scholarship, sponsored by Red Moon Angus, is due May 1st, 2026.

Our provincial board is hard at work planning their annual Beef on the 'Bandwagon' Field Days. We invite all Juniors to attend as we have fun filled days and learn from some great individuals. This summer the Canadian

Angus Association's Convention will be held in Kamloops, British Columbia from June 24th-26th. This is a fantastic opportunity to tour local ranches and network with fellow Angus enthusiasts of all ages.

I encourage all juniors to take part in the Angus events, scholarships and bursaries offered nationally and provincially. I look forward to seeing everyone at events throughout the year!

Hanna Fitchett



Alberta

Dear Fellow Juniors

I hope this letter finds you well and that you're all enjoying a fantastic start to the year 2026. Hope that everyone's calving season goes well with healthy babies!



I'm thrilled to announce the upcoming Alberta Junior Angus show, set to take place once again in Bashaw, Alberta, from August 9th to the 11th, 2026. We're eagerly planning for another exciting show, and I'm particularly excited about continuing our fun mixer night with all of our junior participants. It is a perfect time for our young and older members to mingle and gain strong friendships.

As we gear up for the show, I want to remind everyone that the deadline for our scholarship application is July 1st, 2026. The winners will be announced and awarded during our AJAA show in August. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the application form, which will be posted as soon as it becomes

available. We're eagerly anticipating your applications and can't wait to see the talent.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our volunteers and sponsors. Your support and dedication are the backbone of our success, and we couldn't have achieved what we did last summer without each and every one of you. On behalf of all the juniors, thank you.

Looking forward to another incredible year in Alberta!

Warm regards,
The Alberta Directors
Lexi Dietrich & Reese Wildman



Saskatchewan

Hello Fellow Juniors,

We hope everyone has been enjoying a successful calving season thus far. The Saskatchewan Junior board held our Annual



General Meeting during Agribition where we elected a new executive and announced the winners of our 2025 Scholarships – congratulations to Emma Thomason and Lane Steen. Two \$1000 scholarships are available each year with a November 15th deadline. Application information is on the website and will be shared on social media.

We were very excited to see a great turnout at the 2026 GOAL conference in Winnipeg in February with 19 Saskatchewan Juniors in attendance. We had many fantastic speakers throughout the weekend for the attendees to learn from.

We are looking forward to attending Show-down 2026 in Quebec this summer. We hope to see a good turnout. I encourage all Saskatchewan juniors to apply for travel bursaries available through the Canadian Angus Foundation and Saskatchewan Junior Angus Associations. Please reach out to either one of the Saskatchewan directors with any questions.

Wishing everyone a great spring and summer. Hope to see you all soon.

Chase Bruynooghe & Kylie Willms

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Manitoba

Hello juniors! Hopefully all of you have had a good fall and start to 2026!

Manitoba juniors were busy this fall beginning with Manitoba AgEx which happened at the end of October in Brandon, MB. This was followed by Agribition in late November where many Manitoba juniors helped out or exhibited cattle. It was great to see all of the passion and hard work from the exhibitors! Bringing in the new year, the GOAL Conference happened in Winnipeg, MB over the long weekend in February. Hosting GOAL in Manitoba was such a great opportunity and I am so grateful for all the speakers and people behind the scenes who helped make it a reality!

This winter has been harsh, but Manitoba producers are resilient and very much looking forward to spring and the warmer weather. Calving is in full swing, and many calves are on the ground. We are also in the thick of bull sale season, and there are some high-quality genetics out there, so be on the lookout.

Looking into the rest of the year, coming up is the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair from March 30th to April 4th in Brandon, MB. Further down the road are the summer shows, Manitoba Summer Gold Show in July, Manitoba Beef Round up in August and of course Showdown happening in Ayer's Cliff, QC from July 16th to the 18th!! If you want to participate in these incredible exhibitions don't forget to get registered before the deadlines. I absolutely can't wait to see you all.

As for me, I am finishing up my junior year at Oklahoma State University, and this is my final report as Manitoba director. It has been an incredible experience serving in this role and I cannot say enough about how getting involved in the Canadian Junior Angus Association is one of the most rewarding decisions I have made. There are so many opportunities to learn, connect, and step outside your comfort zone. I would strongly encourage any junior to get involved with the board, you never know where it might take you!

Mark your calendars for Showdown and all the other awesome events this summer. I hope you all have a great spring and attend as many events as you can. I am so looking forward to seeing you throughout the summer.

Wishing you all the best,
Emma Fox



Ontario

Hi everyone,

I hope 2026 is off to a great start, calving season is going well, and everyone is looking forward to another exciting year.

The Ontario Junior Angus Association wrapped up 2025 on a high note, with an outstanding turnout of 88 juniors joining us for the annual Angus Junior Showmanship competition, held in conjunction with the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in November. Congratulations to all of our Juniors who competed in the showmanship competition and represented Ontario so well throughout the weekend in Toronto.

In February 20 Ontario juniors headed west for the CJAA GOAL Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It was a great weekend hearing from industry professionals and creating valuable opportunities to network with peers from across the country. If you missed out this year, don't hesitate to join us next year. The CJAA and the Canadian Angus Foundation offer several bursaries to help offset the cost of attending GOAL while giving you the opportunity to build lifelong friendships, lasting memories, and valuable industry knowledge.

Looking ahead, the CJAA Board and I are very excited to travel to Ayer's Cliff, Quebec, this summer for Showdown 2026. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to join us in Quebec July 16th - 18th.

Also, stay tuned for more details about the Ontario Junior Angus "Blackout" Show, taking place July 31st - August 2nd at the West Niagara Fairgrounds.

On a personal note, we have some exciting calves hitting the ground at Shiloh Valley Angus. I am also finishing up my third year at the University of Guelph in Food and Agricultural Business, while continuing to stay involved with the OAC Beef Science Club and the University of Guelph Judging Team.

I hope you all have a great spring, and I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the year.

Thank you,
Nathan Dawe

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Quebec

Hello fellow Juniors,

I hope you have all had a great start to the 2026 year! Back in October occurred the 25th edition of Expo Boeuf. It was

great visiting with all the breeders and congratulations to all the winners. This is shaping to be an exciting year for Quebec juniors to get involved within the CJAA. Be sure to mark your calendars for Showdown 2026 in Ayer's Cliff, Quebec, July 16th to 18th.

I'm thrilled to be bringing the National Junior Angus Show back to Quebec and can't wait to welcome you all for an unforgettable weekend filled with endless fun! Whether you are in the ring or watching from the stands this is an event you won't want to miss. Start the countdown and get ready for an incredible weekend; I can't wait to see you all there!

Salut à tous les juniors, J'espère que vous avez tous bien commencé l'année 2026 ! Cette année s'annonce passionnante pour les Juniors Angus du Québec qui souhaitent s'impliquer au sein de la CJAA. Notez bien les dates du Showdown 2026 au terrain d'exposition d'Ayer's Cliff, du 16 au 18 juillet.

Je suis très contente de ramener le National Junior Angus Show au Québec et j'ai hâte de vous accueillir pour un week-end inoubliable, remplie de surprises ! Le compte à rebours est lancé et préparez-vous pour un week-end incroyable ; j'ai hâte de vous y voir!

Allison Morse



Maritimes

Hey Junior Angus members,

I hope everyone has had a great and safe calving season so far!

In February over the long weekend of the 14th-16th, Canadian Junior Angus members gathered from across Canada to meet in Winnipeg, Manitoba to attend the Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders Conference (GOAL). This year, eight Maritime members including myself attended this conference, it was incredible to see great representation from those members. Over the course of three days, juniors got to take in many interactive speeches and presentations as well as have the opportunity to participate in skating, shopping, and even a dinner theatre! A wonderful time was had by all, and many members are already looking forward to next year's event. Maritime members there are

travel bursaries available through the Canadian Junior Angus Association and Canadian Angus Foundation and I urge you all to check out those bursaries if you are interested in attending this event in the future. As always, if you have any questions about the application, please feel free to reach out to me.

The Maritime Angus Annual General Meeting was held on January 18th at the Community Credit Union Business Innovation Center in Amherst, Nova Scotia. I was fortunate to be able to attend this event this year in person and represent as the Maritime Canadian Junior Angus Director. At this meeting, the decision of the location for the upcoming Maritime Junior Angus field day in August was made. The field day will be held in Nova Scotia on a local farm and more information regarding official dates and the schedule will be made available soon. This is a great event for Maritime junior members to showcase their cattle we hope to have all those members back from last year and even increase those numbers for 2026.

This summer the Canadian Junior Angus Showdown will be held from July 16th-18th in Ayers Cliffe, Quebec. It would be great to see some Maritime cattle representation at this event! There are travel bursaries available for junior members that are due back by June 1st. The trucking bursary is available to those who travel over 1000 km (one way) and applications for that bursary are due back by May 25th. All bursaries and scholarship applications can be found on the CJAA website. If you would like to apply and need some assistance, please feel free to reach out to me and I would be happy to help!

That is all for me and Maritime members if you have any questions at all about scholarships, Showdown, GOAL, or just want to talk Angus cattle please feel free to contact me at any time.

My email is Chloeloane3@gmail.com.

Chloe Loane



Ambassador Report

by Reegan Frey



Hello everyone!

If you missed the fall newsletter, my name is Reegan Frey, and I am honoured to serve as this year's Robert C. McHaffie Junior Angus Ambassador. I hail from Oxbow, Saskatchewan, where my family owns and operates Freyburn Angus Farms. As a fifth-generation producer, I take great pride in being part of a long-standing family legacy.

My family was honoured to receive the Saskatchewan Angus Association's 2026 Breeder of the Year award at our 27th Annual Bull Sale held March 14th at the ranch. Today, we run approximately 200 purebred Angus alongside 120 Angus-influenced cows, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be raised in an environment that has shaped my passion for the beef industry. I am currently enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a major in Animal Science. After completing my Agribusiness diploma at Assiniboine Community College in 2023, I knew I wanted to continue building my knowledge and skills in agriculture, something that reflects both my upbringing and my future goals in this industry.

This past fall was incredibly rewarding, as I had the opportunity to exhibit at several shows, including Lloydminster Stockade Round-Up, Farmfair International, and my personal favourite, Canadian Western Agribition. Our family had a standout season, showing eleven head and finishing on a high note with two entries qualifying for the CN Supreme at Agribition. Alongside the show season, I was also grateful to attend my final GOAL conference as a junior member, as well as the Advancing Women in Agriculture West Conference in Calgary.

The Canadian Junior Angus GOAL Conference, held this year in Winnipeg from February 14th-16th, continues to be one of the most impactful experiences for Canadian Junior Angus members. It brings together young leaders from across the country to develop skills in leadership, communication, and industry awareness through engaging workshops and meaningful connections. It's an event that truly inspires growth and lifelong friendships, and I encourage everyone to mark their calendars for the 2027 GOAL that will be held in Edmonton February 13th-15th, you won't want to miss it!

I also had the opportunity to attend the Advancing Women in Agriculture West Conference from March 8th-10th. This conference brought together an incredible group of women from across the agricultural sector for several days of learning, networking, and inspiration. Through keynote speakers, interactive workshops, and panel discussions I gained valuable insight into leadership, innovation, and career development. It was an empowering experience that reinforced the importance of connection and confidence in shaping the future of agriculture.

Looking ahead, I would like to highlight the Canadian Angus Foundation Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador Competition. This competition recognizes a dedicated Canadian Junior Angus member who demonstrates a strong ability to promote the Angus breed both nationally and internationally. It takes place during the Canadian Angus National Convention, happening June 25th-26th in Kamloops, British Columbia. Open to members aged 18th-21st, the competition includes a résumé and reel submission, an industry knowledge quiz, a speech, and an interview. Finalists receive a custom buckle, a scholarship and travel assistance to Convention, and the Ambassador has the unique opportunity to represent Canadian Junior Angus across the country and at an international Angus event for the next year.

I am truly looking forward to seeing many of you at the Convention this June. Serving as Ambassador has been an incredibly rewarding experience—I have loved promoting the Angus breed, meeting new people, and strengthening connections both within and beyond our industry.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or simply want to chat about all things Angus!



**CJA would like to Thank the Canadian Angus Foundation
for their ongoing support.**

The Foundation raises a great deal of funds for Junior initiatives through the 'Future 15' program as well as the 'Building the Legacy Sale'.

Thank You also to the breeders that support these Foundation programs.



Introduction and Background

My name is Emily Goodson, I live in Everett, Ontario and work with my grandparents on their purebred Angus farm, Tullamore Farms, now located in Zephyr, Ontario. Working alongside my grandparents I have developed a strong passion for the Angus industry and have grown to love the community and people that make up Canadian Angus. I am both extremely fortunate to be able to work alongside my grandparents on their operation and will remain forever grateful to them. I was able to attend the 2026 Canadian Junior Angus GOAL Conference this past February in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and through this article I will recount the activities we took part in and speakers we heard from at GOAL as well as highlight some relevant opportunities for fellow Junior Angus Members in the industry.

The Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders Conference (affectionately known as the GOAL conference) is an annual event that brings together Canadian Junior Angus members from across the country for three days of fun, education, and workshops. The Conference is an excellent opportunity for junior members to further develop their knowledge and involvement in the industry, while making life-long connections with their fellow juniors, strengthening the industry's future. GOAL was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba from the 14th to the 16th of February, with over 60 junior members from across the country and two American guests in attendance.

One of the ways this conference is made accessible to junior members is through the travel bursary program. Every year the Canadian Junior Angus (CJA) and Canadian Angus Foundation (CAF) select deserving members to receive bursaries of up to \$1000 to offset the costs of travel associated with the event.

It is through generous donations from our breeders and industry partners that many members (myself included) were able to attend the conference this year, and I would strongly encourage juniors to apply for this opportunity if they are planning on attending a GOAL conference in the future. More information about the Conference and the travel bursary program can be found on the Canadian Junior Angus website.

Day 1 - February 14

The Conference this year was held at the Inn at the Forks, a beautiful hotel surrounded by local culture and some of Winnipeg's best features. Once all attendees had arrived, the Conference began with opening remarks by CJA board members, and icebreaker activities to let members have the opportunity to mingle and introduce themselves. This engaging activity was followed by a foundation-setting presentation by Jennifer Trotter from MNP on accounting basics for emerging entrepreneurs. She spoke about several financial topics that are critical to understand as someone running a business, highlighting key agricultural relevancies and helping us to gain confidence in understanding farm financials. After the conclusion of Jennifer's presentation, Mary Jane Orr from Manitoba Beef and Forage Initiatives led us through an interesting presentation highlighting new technology and innovation in the cattle industry. She spoke about smart farm precision ranching, and the implementation of new technology such as GPS ear tags, smart virtual fencing, and on-pasture weighing devices. She discussed in-depth the on-farm trials in virtual fencing and remote real-time pasture performance projects they are developing and had an engaging conversation with members in attendance who have used some of this technology on-farm. Our final speaker for day one of the Conference was Lance Stockbrugger of LDS Farms, who continued to build on financial conversations with



his presentation on leasing versus purchasing. He delved into the complex topics of accrual and cash income, the benefits and setbacks of both leasing and purchasing equipment and left us with a key take-home message: mind the pennies, and the dollars will take care of themselves.

During the evening, we were able to continue to meet and chat with fellow junior members while enjoying an excellent dinner complete with Angus roast. This was one of our many opportunities at the Conference to speak with Junior members from across the country and learn from each other about how different operations are run. The formal dinner led into the Foundation Legacy Scholarship Panel Discussion, where we heard from five incredible juniors on the panel: Kolt Brost, Emma Fox, Lucia Johnston, Tanner Lowe and Reese Wildman. Each of these members should be incredibly proud of themselves for their performance in the panel discussion; they presented themselves professionally and had exceptional ideas to contribute to the panel discussion. I know I speak for many fellow members when I say that I am extremely grateful to have been able to see the panel discussion and that it was inspirational to see how fellow junior members have contributed to the Angus industry. I would encourage fellow junior members to apply for the Legacy Scholarship in the future; not only is it a very generous scholarship presented by the Canadian Angus Foundation, but it is an incredible opportunity to gain experience throughout the duration of the application process. After the conclusion of the Legacy Panel discussion, we ended day one of the conference with a high-energy dance where we came together to line dance and play one of Director Lexi Dietrich's favourite party games, "Romeo and Juliet".

Day 2 - February 15

We began day two of the Conference with a presentation by Jason Kehler of Kehler Farms, who spoke about sustainable agriculture and integrating livestock into a modern special crops farm. He told the story of how his present-day operation came to be and detailed his trials with crop rotation and fertilizer use, before landing on his high-yield cover cropping and rotational grazing model. He provided many insightful ideas on the integration of sustainable agriculture and described how it has benefited his operation in the industry. Following a refreshment break, we heard from Dr. David Hamilton, an Embryo Geneticist and the co-owner of Hamco Cattle Company, on

beef reproduction and propagating the herd. He spoke about the fact that cattle health is a critical factor in determining breeding success, emphasizing how herd health should be paramount in any operation. He went on to have an engaging conversation with members about different breeding approaches and related details; calving seasons, AI protocols, heat cycles, bulls and semen testing, before wrapping up the presentation with a discussion about vaccinations. To wrap up our presentations for the morning, we had Lance Stockbrgger return to deliver a presentation about corporations and determining if incorporating is the right path for your operation. He highlighted some of the nuances of taxes in incorporated versus unincorporated operations and provided us juniors with foundational knowledge necessary for moving forward with operations in the future. Following lunch, we embarked on a wonderful afternoon of activities highlighting the beauty and diversity of Winnipeg. We began with a trip to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, one of only nine national museums across Canada. With stunning and unique architecture, the museum building itself was a memorable part of the trip – from the top of the museum you can see the astounding view of the surrounding city. The many different exhibits offered both a learning opportunity and a period of reflection on our Canadian history. After touring the historic museum, participants were free to explore the culturally significant and tourism highlight of Winnipeg, The Forks. With a beautiful indoor market full of shopping kiosks and restaurants, we were engulfed by the wonderful sounds and scents of downtown Winnipeg. Members also had the unique experience of skating on the river at "The Forks", where we were able to enjoy some unseasonably warm 10°C weather. After our outdoor excursions, we bussed to the Destination Dinner Stage, where we were served a wonderful dinner while watching an iconic musical show, "Happy Daze Again". This was certainly a highlight for many attendees at GOAL and was a very great experience filled with toe-tapping tunes and laughs.

We then returned to the Inn at the Forks, where Alberta Director and CJA Vice President Lexi Dietrich delivered a special presentation to us junior members about opportunities in the industry. She spoke about the many scholarships, bursaries, conferences, competitions, and trips that are available and possible through the Angus Association and encouraged us all to further explore these incredible opportunities. Following Lexi, Reegan Frey, our CAF Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador gave a heartfelt speech about the



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Ambassador position she holds, and the many opportunities she has taken advantage of her time in the Junior Association. Information on the many scholarships, bursaries, and conferences Lexi and Reegan spoke about can be found on the Canadian Angus Foundation website. After the presentations by Lexi and Reegan, we began the well-known and highly anticipated CJA Jeopardy, which was very intense and nearly had to be shut down due to some extreme enthusiasm from participants (and I am happy to say I was on the winning team!). We concluded day two of the conference with some karaoke that would have lasted all night if it weren't for the curfew.

Day 3 - February 16

On the final day of the GOAL Conference, we began with a presentation from Clayton Breault of Breault Ranches, who spoke on working in harmony with nature and the importance of incorporating regenerative practices into farming. He spoke about the six soil principles and soil biology - by incorporating different plant families into your crops, you can drastically improve soil health and yields. He detailed the intercropping and grazing processes he uses on his operation and that by returning to nature he has seen widespread success across many facets of his operation. After a brief refreshment break, we heard heartfelt speeches from our retiring CJA directors. It was an emotional event for everyone, as well-earned thank-you's were exchanged and farewells were said. See the statements from our retiring directors at the end of this report.



The final speaker presentation of the GOAL Conference was our own Kajal Latimer, the Director of Science and Technology at the Canadian Angus Association. She delivered an informative and interactive presentation on the current research initiatives her team is working on, highlighting a new project in collaboration with the United States industry experts on climate and environmental stress in cattle, and the effects these details may have on EPDs. It was wonderful to be a part of providing feedback and planning for new research project being carried out by the CAA.

The Legacy Scholarship winners were then announced with Emma Fox winning first place, Reese Wildman second, Lucia Johnston third, and Tanner Lowe and Kolt Brost as runners-up. A large and well-earned congratulations to all who participated in the Legacy Scholarship this year. We were fortunate to have been joined by Dallas Johnston, Manitoba Director, for the duration of the conference, who presented this year's \$3000 CAF Heifer Voucher to Dallis Sailer. We then had concluding remarks from the CJA Board, and with that, the conference was concluded, and we said our goodbyes before heading our separate ways. We all left the Conference with new ideas, new friends, and hopes for the future of the Angus industry.



Conclusion

The conference was an incredible opportunity for many Canadian Junior members. We are all extremely fortunate to have attended. The GOAL conference provides junior members with many opportunities to strengthen their professional development through networking in industry-applicable ways, with mentorship from critical members of the Angus industry providing guidance and leadership. It is an experience centered around community and making valuable connections with people that will last a lifetime. We need to be able to rely on and support each other, sharing stories, advice, and ideas. This conference, for many, serves as a steppingstone to their future in the Angus industry, and we are extraordinarily thankful for the people that made this event and continue to make this event possible. We have to thank all of our incredible speakers who were willing to share their knowledge and time with us over the course of the weekend, we all learned a lot and were left inspired by heartfelt stories from our speakers in attendance. We have to thank our junior board members for their ongoing advocacy and contributions to the CJA, and for organizing events and opportunities for fellow youth, such as this conference. We thank all of the CAF and CAA representatives who were in attendance at the conference for your ongoing dedication and for giving us your time. Thank you to those that made it possible for so many of us (myself included) to attend through the GOAL travel bursaries. Thank you to everyone who remains unnamed and worked behind the scenes to make this conference possible. Finally, we thank Belinda Wagner – I'm going to echo what the retiring CJA directors all emphasized in their speeches, without the tireless work and dedication by Belinda, events such as the GOAL Conference would not be possible. She makes the dreams of junior members a reality and we recognize the time and effort she dedicates to the youth in the industry. This was an incredible experience, and I hope that fellow junior members continue to take advantage of the amazing opportunities put out by the CJA and CAF as we work towards a future in the Angus industry.

Retiring Director Thoughts

Emma Fox

I have been on the CJA Board of Directors for the past two years as the Manitoba representative. Serving on the Canadian Junior Angus Board has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my time in the Angus industry. Throughout my term, I have truly enjoyed the opportunities to connect with other passionate juniors, collaborate with fellow board members, and contribute to something bigger than myself. The friendships I've built, the challenges I've taken on, and the memories I've made are things I will carry with me long after my time on the board has come to an end. This role has pushed me to grow both personally and professionally. From strengthening my leadership and communication skills to gaining a deeper understanding of the industry, every experience has helped shape me.

A highlight of my time on the board has been contributing to the planning of the 2026 Canadian Junior Angus GOAL Conference. Being part of organizing an event of this scale in Winnipeg was an incredibly fulfilling experience. It was exciting to help create an environment where juniors could come together to learn, grow, and build connections, just as I have been fortunate enough to do. Seeing everything come together this past February made all the hard work worthwhile.

I am so grateful for the opportunities this role has given me and for everyone I've had the chance to work alongside. My time on the board has been filled with growth, laughter, and unforgettable memories, and it's an experience I will always value."

Chloe Loane

I have been on the board for four years. Over my time on the board, I helped build back up the Maritime representation on the National level and I am so proud of all the CJA Maritime members who have participated in our national events over the last four years."

Chase Bruynooghe

I have had the pleasure of being on the Junior Angus Board for the past 3 years. I joined the Board at Showdown 2023 in Swift Current. During my time as a director, I have served as Vice President for one term and was also one of the lead planners for the 2025 GOAL Conference in Saskatoon.

I have lots of great memories from my time on the board and I've been fortunate to have been given many opportunities from the Canadian Angus Association including scholarships and travel bursaries. A huge thank you to the Canadian Angus Foundation and the many donors that contribute to the success of our Junior Angus activities. When I first started with the Junior Angus Association, I didn't have very much experience in the Angus and purebred world, coming from a commercial cattle background. I attended my first Showdown in 2017 in Lloydminster and that was the start of meeting a long list of people and making countless lifelong friendships. Thank you to my fellow CJA members – it's been fun to work with you.

I will forever be grateful for everything Belinda and the Canadian Angus Association has done for me. Thank you all! I look forward to watching this incredible group keep moving things forward!

Kylie Willms

This is my second year serving on the board and it has truly been such a rewarding experience. I've loved my time being involved and I strongly believe in giving back to the Association that taught me so much throughout my upbringing. I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve, and even more so for the people I've met along the way!

Congratulations to our . . .



Legacy Scholarship Finalists

(L-R): Greg Pugh, CAA President; Myles Immerkar, CAA CEO; Emma Fox, Kolt Brost, Reese Wildman, Tanner Lowe, Lucia Johnston, Belinda Wagner, CAF Executive Director; Macy Liebreich, CAF Director



GOAL Heifer Voucher Winner

(L-R): Macy Liebreich, CAF Director; Dallis Sailer, Voucher Winner & Belinda Wagner, CAF Executive Director

New Director Profiles



Hi, I am Carson Baker. I am from Neepawa, Manitoba, where I run alongside my family, Greenbush Angus. We have approximately 30 purebred Black Angus cow-calf pairs. I am currently attending Lakeland College, working toward my Agribusiness Diploma. I am in my last semester and will graduate this summer. I look forward to returning to the farm and continuing to grow my cattle herd as I begin to take over the farm. My

goals for the future are to continue growing and expanding my cattle herd through genetics and connections through the Canadian Angus Association. I plan to start consigning again for female sales and to promote my cattle at shows through the summer and fall.

I have always had a strong connection with the Angus industry. I am currently the Manitoba Junior Angus President and have been for three years. I feel like this is just the next step for me through my years of being connected to the boards. Getting nominated for the Manitoba Rep is something I have looked forward to, as I feel like I can guide the next generation of Angus enthusiasts to become better cattlemen and women. If I were to be elected as the next Manitoba rep, I would strive to get not only Manitoba Angus kids but kids across Canada to join events, as I feel it is essential to build connections throughout the country. As an Angus enthusiast myself, I feel like going to events and going to cattle shows, you meet so many new people, and if I were to get elected, that would be my goal to bring everyone together so that you can make lifelong friendships and connections.



Austin Potts is a young beef producer from Prince Edward Island with a deep-rooted passion for cattle, particularly the Angus breed. Raised in a multi-generation farming family, he is a fourth generation Angus producer. He became involved in cattle at a young age through Angus events, where he gained extensive hands-on experience in animal care, breeding, and showing. He has been attending Angus events as long as he

can remember and attended his first Showdown and Field Day as a Peewee. His grandparents Temple and Gail Stewart gifted him his first purebred heifer, HMF Blackbird 11B in 2015 and since then, Austin has shown purebred Angus cattle across PEI, the Maritimes, and at national events like the National Junior Beef Heifer Show at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, Ontario in 2023 and 2024. As well as regularly attending the EastGen Atlantic Showcase and making the top 5 aggregate in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

In 2024, Austin began exhibiting cattle for JEM Farms of Earnscliffe, PEI, traveling throughout the Maritimes to compete at events such as Old Home Week, the Heritage Classic Beef Show, and the NBEX Beef Show. In the past year Austin was honored to have been awarded the Canadian Junior Angus Stockman of the Year Award and was given the opportunity to attend Canadian Junior Angus Showdown 2025 in Stettler, Alberta. Using the financial award that accompanied the Junior Stockman of the Year honour, Austin invested in the purchase of Worth-Mor Shakura 5N from Worth-Mor Cattle in Ontario. He looks forward to exhibiting Shakura next summer at shows all around Eastern Canada including Showdown 2026!

Last fall, Austin started his first semester at the Dalhousie Agricultural Campus in Truro, Nova Scotia and is working towards getting his diploma in Agriculture Business Management. His plans for the future are to either begin farming with his father or take on a career in agriculture on PEI.

Actively involved in his family's cattle operation Argyle Hill Cattle Company, and he has also worked with Worth-A-Bit Angus in North Tryon, PEI. His experiences there further expanded his knowledge of herd management and the work that goes into running a quality purebred operation. Austin has a growing herd of purebred Angus cattle, using genetics from JEM Farms, Worth-Mor Cattle, and various other breeders from around the Maritimes and Canada.

Austin believes the Canadian Junior Angus Association is gaining momentum in the Maritimes, with increasing membership and renewed interest, and he is eager to contribute to the continued growth of the Maritime Junior Angus Association. He encourages fellow junior members to get involved in as many events as possible, both within the Maritimes and at the national level, every opportunity offers new learning experiences and valuable connections. As a Junior Director, Austin hopes to further engage junior members and help them take full advantage of the programs available through the Canadian Junior Angus Association and the Maritime Junior Angus Association, supporting their success within the industry.



New Director Profiles



Hi, I am Dylan Frey – I'm 20 years old and from Oxbow, Saskatchewan. My family owns and operates Freyburn Farms, a 200 purebred Angus and 100 commercial head herd. We host a bull and female sale on the second Saturday in March yearly. I am currently pursuing my second diploma in Agribusiness at Lakeland College. I'm in my

6th year on the Saskatchewan Junior Angus board as a director. I am very excited for the opportunities that coming onto the Canadian Junior Angus board will give me, and I look forward to giving back to the organization that helps build the future of Angus breeders and cattle in Canada!



Tanner Lowe
My family and I operate Wooden Spoke Land & Cattle. Our herd consists of 60 purebred Black Angus along with 20 Simmentals and 150 commercial cows. We have started marketing our bulls alongside Triple L Angus and Wright Livestock through the Sudden Impact Bull Sale, the first Saturday in April. With all the opportunity's

the Saskatchewan Angus Association and Canadian Angus Association have given me, I thought there was no better way of giving back than being a part of the Canadian Junior Angus Board. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. I'm always looking to meet new people in this great industry!

The Canadian Junior Angus Board of Directors

has elections in the Spring of each year
with four positions available in 2027.

There is one position in each of
British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan & Ontario

Nominations are to be submitted to the
Canadian Junior Angus office by January 31,
with a mail-in ballot election to be completed in March.
Nominees must be Canadian Junior Angus members in good standing

The two year positions commence
at Showdown in July.



For more information
please contact a current CJA Director or Belinda Wagner

Thank You

to outgoing Directors
Emma Fox, Chloe Loane,
Chase Bruynooghe & Kylie Willms

Best Wishes on your future endeavours!

Legacy Scholarship Experience

by Kolt Brost

This January, I had the great honour of being selected as one of five finalists for the Canadian Junior Angus Foundation Legacy Scholarship. The scholarship is graded on five different sections: 20% on the application, 20% for academic achievement, 25% on a personal interview, 25% on a moderated panel discussion, and 10% on social media presence. The interview and moderated panel discussion took place at the Canadian Junior Angus Guiding Outstanding Angus Leaders Conference, held this year in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The application required a transcript, a resume, and a 250-500-word essay on educational plans and my future career goals. I discussed my plans to attend Medicine Hat College for a two-year Business Administration program, then transfer to the University of Lethbridge to major in either Accounting or Finance. I mentioned how I would like to help young ranchers get started in the cattle industry. Of course, I had to procrastinate until nearly the very last minute to start the application process, as I tend to do with most things. However, I finished my application the day before the deadline. Only a few days had passed, but it felt like a month, and then I finally got the call from Belinda that I was one of the five finalists. I was very excited to be selected as one of the finalists for such a prestigious scholarship. Looking at the finalists of the past, it is definitely a who's who of the best and brightest young Angus breeders. To be in such a company is definitely a great honour.

Over a week had passed until my fellow finalists and I were introduced to the next portion of the Foundation Legacy Scholarship, the social media presence. Our task was to make a social media post once a week and a social media story every Friday, promoting the Canadian Junior Angus Association as well as the Canadian Angus Foundation, however we saw fit. Through the social media portion, I was able to research the many great ways the Canadian Angus Foundation helps the future of the industry. As someone who wasn't truly aware of all that the Canadian Angus Foundation is doing, it was definitely great to research the Foundation some more, and I definitely hope to be able to support the Foundation as a producer in the future. I chose to post on Facebook because my target audience was older producers. Throughout the weeks, I chose to share about what the Canadian Junior Angus Association and the Canadian Angus Foundation do for the youth of the Angus breed, as well as why producers should help young, inspiring Angus breeders. I also posted how producers can support the Canadian Angus Foundation.

Being someone who has benefited firsthand from both the Canadian Junior Angus Association and Canadian Angus Foundation, I believe it is important for me to promote and encourage people to donate to the Canadian Angus Foundation to help youth like me in the Angus breed—especially on social media, being able to reach a large audience all across this great nation. For four weeks, my fellow finalists and I did an excellent job promoting the Canadian Junior Angus Association and the Canadian Angus Foundation.

On February 13th, I flew out of Calgary to Winnipeg for GOAL. I arrived in Winnipeg at around 7:30 at night. After only a couple of hours of sleep that night, I was up and ready to go for my interview and panel discussion later that night. I mean, for Valentine's Day, I wouldn't have minded having a hot date, but I guess an interview and a moderated panel discussion would have to do.

My interview started at 10:45 in the morning. I was a little nervous I would be late, so I made sure that I was early, so I showed up at around 9:50. Safe to say I was a little early. The interview lasted about 20 minutes and involved many personal questions about my experience in the cattle industry and my personal future career goals. Many questions also involved expanding on my application. Overall, the interview went well, and the experience was great, since it was my first time being interviewed.

The conference began at 1:30 with some icebreakers. Afterward, guest speakers discussed accounting and virtual fencing. Following the presentations, we had a chance to get dressed and ready for the formal dinner. I was anxious to get on stage for the moderated panel discussion fellow finalists. For about 45 minutes we answered questions about our views on problems and services in the cattle industry from the Canadian Angus Association CEO, Myles Immerkar. The judges and fellow Canadian Junior Angus members then also asked the group questions. Questions ranged from serious topics like the future of artificial intelligence in the cattle industry to funny topics like Mark Scheifele and Connor Bedard not being a part of the Canadian Men's Olympic Hockey roster. It was a good thing I wasn't asked that because people would have been sitting there a while listening to how much I believed Beddy should have been on the roster. I was very nervous on the panel, and I think a few times I may have showed that answering the questions; however, I think overall it went well.

At the end of the weekend, the winners were announced. Emma Fox got first, Reese Wildman got second, Lucia Johnson got third, and Tanner Lowe and I were the two runners-up. Unfortunately, I didn't place in the top three, but I felt like I had a lot to be proud of. I would like to congratulate the other four finalists on a job well done. The Angus breed was definitely represented well. I'm confident that in 10 years that us five will be a big part of the Angus breed. I know it seems like a lot of work for a scholarship; however, I will definitely take away more from the experience of being a finalist than the money from the scholarship. It was my first time being interviewed and my first time being a part of a panel discussion - this experience has really set me up for continued success in the future. I would encourage every Canadian Junior Angus Association member in 12th grade or college to apply for this scholarship. The experience of being a finalist will definitely be something you look back on and be proud to be a part of. A little bit of extra money for school ain't too bad either.

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to everyone who participated
in this fund raising auction.

Congratulations
to the winners!

Breed Creek Ranch
The Smith Family
Mankota, Saskatchewan

*We truly appreciate
everyone's support of this
annual initiative!*



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CEO Report

by Myles Immerkar

We are in the midst of a very bullish market.

The 2026 beef bull market is one of the strongest the cattle industry has experienced in many years. Strong consumer demand for high-quality beef, reduced North American cattle numbers, and improved profitability for producers have all helped drive prices higher. These conditions have created a very positive environment for cattle breeders and commercial producers, while also opening exciting opportunities for junior members interested in building a future in the beef industry.

One of the clearest indicators of the strength of the market is the steady increase in Angus bull sale averages over the past several years. In 2021, the average Angus bull sold for \$5,900. This increased to \$6,426 in 2022 and \$6,895 in 2023 as demand for quality genetics began to grow. The upward trend continued in 2024, when the average reached \$7,425. By 2025 the market strengthened significantly, with Angus bull sale averages climbing to \$10,200. In 2026, the market reached a new level with an impressive average of \$13,864 per bull year-to-date. This represents more than double the average price seen just five years ago and highlights the strong demand for proven genetics and performance.

Several factors are contributing to this bullish market. After years of drought and herd reductions across North America, the cattle supply remains relatively tight. At the same time, beef continues to be highly valued by consumers for its quality and taste. As producers begin to rebuild their herds, demand for high-quality breeding bulls has increased dramatically. Commercial cattle producers are willing to invest more in superior genetics.

For junior members, this strong market provides many opportunities to become involved and are endless as the industry begins to adapt and explore new technologies, marketing platforms and ways to evaluate cattle.

The CJA continues to be one of the models that other countries look to as they develop their next generation of Angus producers. Developing markets that have seen the value of Canadian Angus genetics through semen, embryos and live cattle and are now inquiring about support to their junior programs and development of advanced technologies.

Overall, the strong 2026 beef bull market reflects a healthy and growing industry. With rising prices and strong demand for quality genetics, the future of the beef industry is the brightest it has ever been and looks extremely strong into the future.

CAF Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador Competition

Awarded by the Canadian Angus Foundation

The Canadian Angus Foundation functions to preserve and expand the Angus breed for future generations through education, youth development, scientific and market research, and historical preservation and restoration. The Canadian Angus Foundation was incorporated in 1993 and is the charitable arm of the Canadian Angus Association (CAA).

The Junior Ambassador is sponsored by the Canadian Angus Foundation (CAF). The Junior Ambassador acts as a role model for youth and represents the members of Canadian Junior Angus (CJA). It is an opportunity to network with leaders in the agricultural industry and to learn from them. The Junior Ambassador will have the opportunity to attend at least one international event and several major agricultural events in Canada. The events attended and the focus of the role is dependent on the vision of the Junior Ambassador.

To be considered for the award, complete and return this application to the Canadian Angus Foundation by April 30. CAA and CAF reserve the right to publish any submitted paper or speech. Feel free to contact Belinda Wagner at any point during the competition.

Applicant qualifications:

1. Applicants must be a member of Canadian Junior Angus and a Canadian citizen.
2. Preference will be given to those with a strong connection to or history in Angus.
3. Applicants must be at least 18 years old on opening day of the CAA National Convention.
4. Previous winners of the Junior Ambassador competition are not eligible to re-apply.
5. The winner must maintain a valid Canadian passport throughout their term.
6. All applications must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
7. Applications must be submitted by email to Belinda Wagner at bwagner@cdnangus.ca with the subject line reading "Junior Ambassador Applicant".

Complete application to include:

1. Cover sheet with name, contact information and CAA ID number.
2. Résumé to include but not limited to CJA involvement, work history, community activities, school involvement and leadership activities.

Weighting for segments:

Résumé - Up to five finalists will be selected to continue

Reel - 15% Quiz - 10%

Observation of behavior at Convention - 10%

Interview - 40% Speech - 25%

Finalists:

- Up to five finalists will be selected from the applications submitted by April 30. Finalists will be notified via email by May 8. The reel will be a biography of the finalist and must be returned by email on or before May 22. The CAA and CAF reserve the right to broadcast any submitted reels.
- Finalists are required to attend the Canadian Angus National Convention in June of the year selected. It is advised that you begin making travel plans as soon as you are notified. You are required to book your own accommodations although you may coordinate with other candidates through the CAF office if you wish. The list of finalist candidates will be made public at this time. Up to \$750 will be provided to each of the finalists to help offset travel costs and the CAF will also pay the finalists' Convention registration expenses.
- Speech topics will be given to the candidates at least two weeks prior to Convention. The speech segment of the contest will take place during the Convention. The CAA and CAF reserve the right to publish finalists' speeches.
- An interview with industry representatives will also take place during Convention.
- Finalists will receive a trophy buckle and a \$1000 scholarship from the CAF. Funds will be provided upon proof of enrollment in a post-secondary institution. Winners of the contest will be announced during the Convention banquet and will assume duties immediately.

Duties of the Junior Ambassador:

- The Junior Ambassador will have the opportunity to attend one international event; attendance at other events is at the discretion of the Executive Director. Pre-approval for travel and other expenses is mandatory. Travel is expected to take place unescorted.
- Along with expected travels, the Junior Ambassador will be expected to submit articles for certain publications throughout their year of service.
- The Junior Ambassador term is for one year. He or she will be chosen at the Convention and will continue duties until the next convention.



(l-r) Myles Immerkar, CEO CAA;
 Shawn Birmingham, CAF Director;
 Reegan Frey, Ambassador;
 Belinda Wagner, CAF Executive Director;
 Greg Pugh, President CAA

Canadian Junior Angus Scholarships

Scholarship Conditions:

- 1) Applicants must be a Canadian Junior Angus member.
- 2) Three scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$3500 for 1st, \$2500 for 2nd and \$1500 for 3rd place.
- 3) The scholarship shall be used at a recognized post secondary or graduate educational institution.
- 4) If applicant is under 17 years of age, the scholarship will be held in trust by Canadian Junior Angus.
- 5) Winners will be announced at the National Junior Show, Showdown.
- 6) Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply in subsequent years if they meet the requirements.
- 7) Junior membership fee of \$25.00 plus GST/HST must be paid to the CJA for the calendar year.
- 8) You must be in your second semester of post secondary school to receive your scholarship money and you must provide your student ID number and a copy of your transcript.
- 9) **Deadline for applications is May 15th.** Please submit a photo with your application.
- 10) Applications MUST be submitted by email to bwagner@cdnangus.ca.

CJA Scholarship Application Information Please include the following...

Personal Data:

- Name • Address • Farm Name • Number of Years as a Junior Angus Member
- DOB • Phone #

Career Plans

- Area of Post-Secondary study
- Occupation objective upon completion of post-secondary study

Association Involvement

- Describe all events you participated in as an Angus member (shows, field days, etc)
- Describe your interests and objectives in the Angus Industry in your province or Canada in either the purebred or commercial operations

Extracurricular Activities

- Describe your involvement in community activities, clubs and organization and your accomplishments:
- Describe other activities, pastimes or hobbies in which you are involved:
- List work experiences, if any outside of the association:
- Write an essay on "How has being a CJA member and/or being involved in the Angus industry impacted or changed your life?" (up to 1000 words)

School History

Secondary School Attended - • School Name • City/Town • Phone #

Post Secondary School - • School Name • City/Town • Phone #

If your scholarship application is successful, in what institution and program will it be utilized?

- Institution Name • Phone # • Program/Major • Number of Years • Address
- In what year of the program will you be enrolled?

References (include 2 - will contact if necessary)

- Name Phone # • Position/Relationship • Address



Please email all applications to
bwagner@cdnangus.ca by May 15th

U.S. 2026 EXCHANGE TRIPS

Represent Canadian Junior Angus this summer!

LEAD

CJA and the National Junior Angus Association in the States are working together to have an 'exchange' between junior members and our events.

There is an opportunity for junior members to attend the NJAA's LEAD Conference that will take place July 28-31 in Orlando, FL. In return, members of the NJAA have an opportunity to attend our GOAL Conference or Showdown.

YOUTH EXPO

CJA and the Junior Red Angus Association in the States are working together to have an 'exchange' between junior members and our events.

There is an opportunity for junior members to attend the JRA's Youth Expo that will take place June 21-26 in Madison, WI. In return, members of the JRAA have an opportunity to attend our GOAL Conference or Showdown.

Requirements for application and consideration for selection as one of the CJA representatives to the states are:

- Must be a current CJA member
- Must be at least 18 years old or travels with a parent
- Must be able to attend the whole event
- Must include a photo of the applicant (to be used in publications and online).

Also an essay including 'Why I would be a good representative of CJA at the JRA Youth Expo or NJAA LEAD AND 'What my involvement throughout the Angus breed includes' the essay must be 250-500 words in length.

Canadian Junior Angus Exchange LEAD ____ **YOUTH EXPO** ____ (Check one or both)

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: (_____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

CJA Membership #: _____ Birth Date: _____.

Attached with this form must be an essay and a photo. Deadline May 10. Email to:



bwagner@cdnangus.ca
Belinda Wagner
(306) 537-1518

Deadlines at a Glance . . .

National

January 1	GOAL Travel Bursary Deadline
January 5	Legacy Scholarship Application Deadline
January 10	GOAL Registration Deadline
January 31	CJAA Director Nominations Deadline
April 15	Junior Angus Stockman Award Nomination Deadline
April 30	Junior Angus Ambassador Application Deadline
May 10	U.S. Exchange Trips Application Deadline
May 15	CJA Scholarship Application Deadline
May 15	Dick Turner Scholarship Application Deadline
May 25	Showdown Trucking Assistance Application Deadline
June 1	Showdown 2026 Entry Deadline
June 1	Showdown Travel Bursary Deadline
June 15	Showdown 'Late' Entry Deadline
October 15	Brian Good Memorial Scholarship Deadline
Ongoing	Self-Directed Travel Bursary Deadline



British Columbia

May 1	BC Angus Scholarship Application Deadline
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Alberta

July 1	Alberta Junior Angus Scholarship Deadline
November 1	Dorothy Banks Scholarship Deadline

Saskatchewan

November 15	Saskatchewan Junior Angus Scholarship Application Deadline
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Manitoba

September 1	Jack Hart Memorial Foundation Award Application Deadline
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Ontario

December 31	A. Cameron McTaggart Scholarship Application Deadline
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Quebec

June 15	Quebec Junior Angus Scholarship Application Deadline
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Maritimes

February 28	Maritime Aberdeen Angus Association Scholarship Deadline
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Is a CJA Membership for You?

Do I Qualify to be Member?

If you are a dedicated Angus enthusiast under 21, you sure do.

Do I have to register my own cattle to be a member??

Not necessarily. If your family prefers to keep all the cattle in their farm name, that's fine. but we still recommend you become a member of CJA.

How much does it cost?

\$25 (+GST) Yep, that's all.

What do I get for \$25?

- Subscription to the CJA Newsletter "Junior Connections".
- Right to register your animals.
- Right to participate at all CJA events.
- Certificate of membership.
- Eligibility for CJA & CAF awards, scholarships and busaries, as well as Heifer Vouchers.
- Access to CAA promotional materials.

What does the CJA Do?

- Publishes "Junior Connections" to keep you up to date on what's happening
- We plan and organize the Canadian Junior Angus show which moves between provinces. Showdown 2026 will be held in Ayer's Cliff, Quebec - July 16 - 18
- We host the annual GOAL Conference to develop skills for members. Goal 2026 will be held in Edmonton, Alberta - February 13 -15
- The Junior Board acts as a liaison between Juniors and Canadian Angus Association



"The Best Reason to Join is so that You can be a Bigger Part of the Best Breed in Canada!"



SHOWDOWN 2026

JULY 16-18, 2026 | AYER'S CLIFF, QC
MOVE IN BEGINS JULY 15 AT 1 PM

Thursday, July 16, 2026

- 11 am • Move in complete
- CJA Annual General Meeting & Orientation
- 12 noon • Lunch
- 12:30 pm • Judging (individual competition – written reasons)
- 1:30 pm • Team Grooming
- 5:30 pm • Supper & Extravaganza

Friday, July 17, 2026

- 8:30 am • Group Photo
- 9:00 am • Showmanship
- 9:00 am–1:00 pm • Print Marketing
- 12 noon • Public Speaking
- 1:00–4:00 pm • Sales Talk
- 2:00 pm • Team Judging (must qualify from individual competition)
- 6:00 pm • Cook-off & BBO

Saturday, July 18, 2026

- 9:00 am • Heifers of Distinction
- 10:00 am • Conformation Classes
- 5:00 pm • Banquet, Awards Presentations, Auction & Dance

The Canadian Angus Foundation will provide travel and trucking bursaries to attend Showdown as well as significant cash prizes and scholarships for the Aggregate Winners.

There will also be three draws made for vouchers to purchase Angus females—one at \$3,000 and two at \$2,000. All exhibitors will automatically be entered to win!

Visit the Canadian Angus Foundation website at www.cdnangus.ca/foundation for more information and to apply for the bursaries.

For up-to-date Showdown information or to enter online, please visit www.cdnangus.ca/canadian-junior-angus/showdown

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