

**AMERICAN ANGUS ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL JUNIOR RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Gold Award | Rules & Guidelines**

Since the American Angus Association established a recognition program for junior members in 1972, the program has provided an opportunity for young Angus breeders to become nationally recognized for continued achievement. In 1980-81 the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors, in conjunction with the Junior Activities Department developed the Gold Award as the third and highest level of recognition.

Juniors who have received the Bronze and Silver Awards prior to January 1 of their last year of eligibility as a junior member, and are currently in their final year of eligibility as a junior member, may apply for the Gold Award. The Gold Award requires an additional 1,000 points to the already accumulated points earned for the Bronze and Silver Awards. Thus, a total point accumulation of 3,000 is required to receive all levels.

A notification letter will be sent to eligible juniors in January of the year in which they are eligible to apply. Those wishing to apply, should submit their information via AAA login by **May 1** of that year. This can be found in the members AAA login profile, under the programs tab. For more information on how to submit your application via AAA login watch this video [here](#).

At the following National Junior Angus Show, winners receive a specially designed pin, cast in gold. Recipients of the award also receive local, regional, and national recognition through media and at Angus functions.

Helpful Hints for Completing the NJRP Application:

1. Read the "Rules and Guidelines" for each category carefully before beginning.
2. Use separate sheets of paper as worksheets, then insert the information into your AAA Login Profile.
3. Regional shows and regional preview shows are not the same. The American Angus Association co-sponsors several regional preview shows each year, but only two regional shows.
4. "Bred-and-Owned" means that you are the breeder and first and continuous owner of the animal in question.
5. Points must be earned in each of categories I, II, III, and IV.

I. ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

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

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

B. Association Representative

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

C. National Junior Angus Show

Mentoring Program Participant	50	---	---
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RULES AND GUIDELINES - Association Activities

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

II. COMPETITION ACTIVITIES

A. Junior Angus Shows

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

RULES AND GUIDELINES - Competition Activities, Jr Angus Shows

1. No more than 500 points toward Bronze; 750 points toward Silver; 1000 points toward Gold.
 2. Double points if Bred-and-Owned.
 3. No single animal may contribute more than 350 points toward your total.
 4. Maximum of 100 points allowed in the County, District, Local category.
 5. Points may be earned on registered Angus animals only.
 6. Count points only for highest placing (i.e., National Champion = 120; NOT 100 + 110 + 120)
 7. Points may also be received for open show participation in Level 3, 4, & 5.
- ** Shows with participation limited to one state. Example: Fort Worth Junior Show - only Texas cattle may show.

B. Showmanship Participation

1. National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest

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

RULES AND GUIDELINES - Competition Activities, Showmanship Participation

1. No more than 500 points toward Bronze; 750 points toward Silver; 1000 points toward Gold.
2. Points allowed for highest placing only in National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest.
2. Maximum of 100 points allowed in the County, District, Local category.

C. Contests

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

RULES AND GUIDELINES - Competition Activities, Contests

1. No more than 500 points toward Bronze; 750 points toward Silver; 1000 points toward Gold.
2. Only those contests sponsored by the AAA, NJAA, State or Regional Angus Associations are eligible.
3. Count points only for highest placing per contest year.
4. In completing the form, contest name refers to extemporaneous public speaking, beef cook-off, team sales, photography, etc., and contest level refers to national, regional or state.

III. PERFORMANCE TESTING ACTIVITIES

A. AHIR (Recorded with the American Angus Association)

1. Complete weaning records on all calves recorded in junior's name
50 points per year per herd, NOT per calf.
2. Complete yearling records on all calves recorded in junior's name
50 points per year per herd, NOT per calf.
3. *Complete ultrasound records on all calves recorded in junior's name
50 points per year per herd, NOT per calf.*

B. Performance Pedigree

Obtain Performance information on bulls siring calves in your herd = 50 points each

C. Pathfinders

Produce a Pathfinder Cow = 250 points per Pathfinder Cow

D. Genomic Profile Testing

Animals with genetic testing in your herd = 50 points

E. Carcass Data

Collect carcass data on Bred-and-Owned registered Angus steers = 100 points per steer (carcass data must be accompanied by signature of qualified supervisor)
Carcass data on steers entered in the NJAS Carcass Contest = 100 points per steer

F. Performance Testing

Performance testing Bred-and-Owned bulls = 100 points per bull (both home test and central test stations are acceptable, however, contemporary groups must be 5 or larger)

RULES AND GUIDELINES - Performance Testing Activities

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

IV. PRODUCING AND MERCHANDISING ANGUS

- A. Registrations:** cattle which you have raised and registered = 25 points each
- B. Transfers:** cattle which you have either purchased or sold = 15 points each
- C. Participation in Production or Consignment Sales**
50 points per lot consigned. (Applies to registered Angus only)
- E. Farm Signs**
Design and Build or Purchase Farm Signs
(Points awarded only once, and photos must be included)
 - 1. Permanent for home use = 50 points
 - 2. Portable for exhibition use = 50 points
- F. Other**
 - 1. Masters of Beef Advocacy = 100 points (include photo copy of certificate)
 - 2. Beef Quality Assurance = 50 point (include photo copy of certificate)

RULES AND GUIDELINES - Producing and Merchandising Angus

- 1. No more than 500 points toward Bronze; 750 points toward Silver; 1000 points toward Gold.
- V. OTHER** (No points given. However, may be used in recognition through media. Requires a written description of the program and your achievements.)
- A. 4-H Livestock Activities**
 - 1. National 4-H Beef Award
 - 2. State 4-H Beef Award
 - 3. County 4-H Beef Award
 - 4. National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Team Contestant
 - 5. State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest Team Contestant
 - 6. National 4-H Club Congress Representative
 - B. FFA Livestock Activities**
 - 1. American Farmer
 - 2. Star Farmer
 - 3. State Farmer
 - 4. Chapter or Area Beef Proficiency Award
 - 5. State FFA Judging Team Contestant
 - 6. National FFA Judging Team Contestant
 - C. Other Activities**
 - 1. A.I. Program
 - 2. Forage Improvement Program
 - 3. Beef Improvement Program
 - 4. Other Agricultural Activities
 - D. Looking Back and Looking Ahead** (For Gold Award Only)
 - 1. Reflections on your career as a junior member
 - 2. Outline of your goals for the future
 - 3. Quality headshot, in .jpg or .png format to be used for publicity purposes