



# ANGUS YOUTH



## NATIONAL JUDGING COMPETITION

In April Angus Youth will conduct the National Judging Competition with preliminaries in Tamworth, NSW and the final at the Royal Sydney Show. The prize for the National Judging Competition is a one semester scholarship to the University of Illinois.

### Participant nominations

State Committees may nominate up to two (2) members to participate, with two reserves who may compete if other States are unable to fill their entitlements. The winner of the competition is awarded the University of Illinois Scholarship. To be eligible to participate in the National Judging Competition final, individuals must be 21-30 when the scholarship is taken up. The scholarship must be taken up within 12 months of winning, where "take-up" is defined as depart.

How each State Committee decides who they enter is up to them, however it is preferable that a preliminary judging competition is conducted within each State and that two eligible competitors are sent to the National Finals. State Committees should inform the AY Coordinator of their nominations for the National Judging Final by mid January.

The AY Coordinator then sends the nominees a letter congratulating them on getting into the National Final and outlining the competition details and guidelines.

### Competition Details

The competition has four components with the following weightings;

CV	/200
Interview	/400
Carcase Assessment	/200
Live Animal Assessment – up to 12 classes	/1200

Finals	/250
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TOTAL	Up to	/2250
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### The Competition

The national Judging Competition is held in two stages. The first stage takes place in Tamworth NSW where facilities allow a carcass judging section and live cattle classes. Participants arrive in Tamworth on the late afternoon of Thursday 8 April. Accommodation will be arranged on a shared room basis with participants paying for their accommodation.

### The Carcass Competition

On Friday morning, contestants are taken by bus to an abattoir for carcass assessment. Contestants will be placed in a competition situation where they will be required to judge two classes of four carcasses after an initial demonstration class. Depending on carcass availability, there will be an export and domestic class.

Contestants will be split into two groups and given 10 minutes to judge each class. Participants will be asked to hand in their placings card to the official. The official will then ask them to turn their back on the class and they will be required to answer up to 10 questions on the class, without reference to notes. These questions will be to determine accuracy of observation. For example, which carcass has the whitest fat colour? Afterwards the overjudge or an appropriate person will go through the placings and questions. The contestants will also be given the opportunity to ask questions.

To enter the Cargill Foods plant participants and officials are required to have a Qfever card. This regulation has been made with people's health in mind. Qfever is a well recognised occupational hazard for abattoir workers. The acute disease includes a severe headache, high fever, and muscle pain for up to 15 days generally. Relapses may continue for years. Please inform the Angus Youth Coordinator of your status, so arrangement can be made for the visit. If you do not have a Qfever card, you may be required to wear a protective face mask while in the abattoir.

### **Livestock Judging**

The bus will then take contestants to Farrer Agricultural High School for the livestock judging component. Angus Australia will provide a picnic lunch during the judging.

Initially the overjudge will tutor the group using a practice class. This session will include breeding stock structural soundness, how to identify fat and muscle, and the use of performance records.

There will then be multiple classes depending on cattle availability. Classes may include cows, yearling heifers, steers and bull classes (some with performance figures). Contestants will be given 10-15 minutes to judge each of the classes. Scenarios detailing the target market and other requirements will be given for each class.

Participants should take good notes during the fifteen minutes for each class as following the oral reasons they will be asked up to 10 observation questions for each class.

After the participants have handed in their last questions card the overjudge will take the contestants through his/her interpretation of the classes and answer any questions the contestants may have.

### **The Interview**

All participants applying for the University of Illinois Scholarship are required to attend an interview. Interviews are held on Saturday 10 April in Sydney after the cattle and carcass judging help in Tamworth the previous day. Dress should be appropriate for an interview. Each interview slot should take about 25 minutes (20 minute interview and 5 minutes review for the panel to collate their scores and discuss). An example interview score sheet is attached (Appendix 2).

A panel of three to four is chosen for the interview. This should include the livestock overjudge of the competition; a representative of the Angus Society such as a staff member or Board member; possibly an Angus breeder and the AY National Judging Competition Officer.

### **Alumni Dinner**

After the interviews have been completed there is an Angus Youth Alumni dinner sponsored by Angus Australia. This will be attended by contestants, overjudges, sponsors, and the organising committee. Participants in the Michigan Scholarship will give a brief talk and a previous scholarship winner will talk about their experiences.

At the Angus Youth Alumni dinner all participants will be presented with a participation certificate. The participants with the three highest scores will be announced and they will proceed to the finals.

### **The Finals**

The 3 finalists will be required to judge a class of 4 led animals at Sydney Royal Show. This will take place after the judging of Angus classes. Points will be allocated for placings, oral reasons, judging etiquette, and microphone technique.

Scores from the finals will be added to the scores from the previous two days. The person with the highest overall score is the winner of the trip to the University of Illinois. This will be announced immediately and a certificate presented by Angus Australia.

### **University of Illinois Scholarship**

The winner of the Angus Youth National Judging Competition wins a return airfare to the U.S. to study animal and meat science at Illinois State University for a semester and AU\$2000 towards accommodation/travel expenses. The winner is required to attend classes as a full time student and fully participate in University activities for the semester. Scholarship winners may travel within the permits of US international visitor regulations before/after the semester. At the University of Illinois they will also have the opportunity to compete in the U.S. intercollegiate meat or livestock judging competition.

The scholarship must be taken up within 12 months of winning, where "take-up" is defined as depart. The scholarship may not be deferred. Dr. Doug Parrett, Scholarship Coordinator at the University of Illinois, suggests that the scholarship winner start their trip with the National Western Stock show at Denver in mid-January ([www.nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com)) and then travel to Illinois (please note that any additional costs associated with not taking a direct flight path to Illinois are to be covered by the recipient). The web address for University of Illinois: <http://www.uiuc.edu>. The website includes an academic calendar detailing the start and finish dates for the Spring (commences January) and Fall (commences August) semesters and subjects offered.

The scholarship winner will be under the guidance of Dr Doug Parrett, Head of Animal Science at the University of Illinois. He will arrange for them to attend classes of their choice at the University of Illinois and will arrange their accommodation on campus. Stationary and writing material will be the responsibility of the Scholarship winner, however Dr Parrett will be able to assist with reference material.

Participants should be prepared to take on the position of National Judging Competition Officer on the Angus Youth Management Committee following their return to Australia should they win the University scholarship. They will be responsible for organising the next National Judging Competition and for providing a report on their scholarship experience to the Youth Coordinator within a month of their return to Australia. Participants should also be prepared to, within the twelve months following the exchange, make themselves available for the purpose of promoting future exchanges and for advertising purposes.

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## National Junior Judging Competition

### Official Score

CONTESTANT NAME:.....

**SCORE**

**CV**

General Presentation	10	20	30	40	50
Achievements General	10	20	30	40	50
Involvement in Community/School	10	20	30	40	50
Pertinent Beef Industry Achievements	10	20	30	40	50

**SUB TOTAL: /200**

**Interview**

Commitment to the Beef Industry	10	20	30	40	50
Knowledge of Beef Industry Issues	10	20	30	40	50
Aims and aspirations in the beef industry	10	20	30	40	50
Ability to answer questions	10	20	30	40	50
Reason for trip	10	20	30	40	50
Dress	10	20	30	40	50
Ability to organize thoughts & express ideas	10	20	30	40	50
Commitment to the Angus breed/ Willingness to invest time back into Angus Youth	10	20	30	40	50

**SUB TOTAL: /400**

**TOTAL SCORE**

**Comment:**

NB For Scoring: 10- Unsatisfactory 20- Fair 30- Good 40- Very good 50- Excellent

Signed (Interviewer)..... Date:.....

## **Angus Youth National Judging Competition**

### **Conditions of Entry**

- Angus Australia or associated sponsor will fund a return economy airfare to and from the University of Illinois, USA and AU\$2000 towards expenses.
- Internal transport for the scholarship winner within the United States will be their own responsibility.

### **The Scholarship**

- The scholarship will be for one semester at the University of Illinois which is approximately 3 months in duration. The winner is required to attend classes as a full time student and fully participate in University activities for the semester. Scholarship winners may travel within the permits of US international visitor regulations before/after the semester.
- The scholarship winner will be under the guidance of Dr Doug Parrett, Head of Animal Science at the University of Illinois. He will arrange for the scholarship winner to attend classes of their choice at the University of Illinois and will arrange their accommodation on campus. The scholarship winner will be responsible for paying for accommodation at the University.
- Stationary and writing material will be the responsibility of the Scholarship winner, however Dr Parrett will be able to assist with reference material.
- Scholarship winners may have the opportunity to travel with the Meats or Livestock Judging Team while at the University of Illinois. The cost of accommodation and meals while on the road will be the responsibility of the scholarship winner.

### **Nominees for the National Angus Youth Judging Scholarship**

- The nominee must be a class of member of Angus Australia.
- The nominees must be Angus breeders or involved with Angus cattle.
- The nominees must be 21 or over and no more than 30 years of age when the scholarship is taken up.

## Scholarship Winners

- The winner of the National Final is to take up the Scholarship at the University of Illinois, USA, in the 12 months immediately following the National at which he or she is announced the winner and must be 21 at that time.
- In the event of the winner being unable to take the Scholarship it will be offered to the second place getter.
- Travel to be booked through New England Travel.
- Scholarship winners will do nothing to bring the scholarship, Angus Youth program, the Society and Sponsor into disrepute or ridicule and will behave in an appropriate manner befitting such an exchange at all times.
- If improper behaviour occurs the exchange recipient will be liable for all costs associated with the exchange, and will be returned home at the earliest possible convenience.
- A full medical certificate should be supplied by the scholarship winner on confirmation of their acceptance of the exchange. Scholarship winners should also obtain full medical insurance for the period of the exchange.
- During the exchange the scholarship winner will write a short article on their exchange for the Angus Youth newsletter. On completion of the scholarship the winner will send the Angus Society a report on their exchange with an accompanying photo for the Australian Angus Journal/Angus Youth website. This will be completed within one month of returning to Australia.
- The scholarship winner, within the twelve months following the exchange, shall make themselves available for the purpose of promoting future exchanges and for advertising purposes of the sponsor and Angus Youth.
- The scholarship winner shall take on the position of National Judging Competition Officer on the Angus Youth Management Committee. They will be responsible for organising the next National Judging Competition.

**Angus Youth National Judging Competition**

**Declaration to Abide by the Conditions of Entry**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to abide by the Angus Youth National Judging Competition Conditions of Entry on this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature