

**Canadian Angus Foundation** 

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**Canadian Angus Association** 

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## **Self-Directed National or International Travel Bursaries**

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.

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. Examples of events may include but are not limited to Canadian Angus National Convention, Canadian Beef Industry Conference, Red Angus Association of America National Convention, Beef Leaders Institute, American Angus Association National Convention, National Cattlemens Beef Association Convention, provincial beef meetings and events, World Angus Forum and World Angus Secretariat.

The annual budget for the travel bursaries is calendar year, January–December. Awards will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

To be considered for the award, complete and return this application to the Canadian Angus Foundation at least 15 days before the event you wish to attend. CAA and CAF reserve the right to publish any submitted essay. Please contact Belinda Wagner with application questions.

Thank you to the Canadian Angus Foundation for the opportunity to attend the World Angus Forum in Edinburgh, Scotland this past June. It was a fantastic trip and an amazing opportunity to meet many breeders from across the world. This experience allowed me the chance to see multiple different Aberdeen Angus operations and to get an understanding of what their challenges are compared to here in Canada. The variation in the style of Angus ranged from the traditional native Aberdeen Angus that continued to operate within the original frame score from the 1950's, to a much larger frame that would make most Canadian herds look small. In discussions with the producers, the market for their beef is all based on pounds, where in Canada there is more of a focus on quality of beef, aka grade score, and this is why many herds have gotten to have many larger framed Angus. I also came across a couple of more moderate frame sized herds that were a part of the tours, and when looking at the genetics they had more of an American and Canadian influence. Which lead to a very pleasant surprise; one of the farm tours was of a Red Angus operation that had some Koran Stock Farm genetics being used. I was also able to reconnect with many Denmark friends and gain new connections with producers in Scotland, Australia, as well as a few from across the United States. This was an amazing opportunity for me and I cannot thank the Canadian Angus Foundation enough for the help that they have provided. Kaleen Harris, Macklin, SK

## Applicant qualifications:

- 1. Applicants must be a member of Canadian Junior Angus or the Canadian Angus Association.
- 2. Preference will be given to those with a strong connection in the Angus breed.
- 3. Applicants must be 18–30 years old on January 1 of the calendar year.
- 4. Applicant must maintain a valid Canadian passport if travelling internationally.
- 5. All applications must be typed. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
- 6. Applications must be submitted by email to Belinda Wagner at bwagner@cdnangus.ca with the subject line reading "Foundation Travel Bursaries".
- 7. A written report will be required within 30 days of the event attended.

## Complete application to include:

- 1. Cover sheet with name, contact information, CAA ID number and the event you wish to attend.
- 2. Résumé to include but not limited to Angus involvement, work history, community activities, school involvement (if applicable) and leadership activities.
- 3. 250 word essay explaining why you wish to attend the event and what you hope to gain from attending.
- 4. Provide a budget for the event including expected travel, registration fees, and other expenses you may incur.