

Saskatchewan Angus Association Mentorship Program...

The Saskatchewan Angus Association is offering a Mentorship Program for the 2015/2016 year. Five positions are available for producers aged 18 – 39. The program will provide funding for various events and travel, as well as provide valuable input from a mentor. The application is a simple process, please see the form on the next page of this issue of the Edge. The deadline to apply is August 15.

You will have 12 months to complete the required elements of the program, as outlined below. Some examples have been provided to choose from in making your final selections.

When you have selected all the elements of your program, you will submit your plan in writing to the Saskatchewan Angus Association office, by mail or email. Your plan may change throughout your mentorship, however all changes must be reported to the administrator.

Upon completion of your approved program, you will be required to prepare and submit a final report. This report will outline all of your activities, summarizing what you learned from each experience and how you feel the program, overall, has enhanced your ability to better manage your business and provide leadership to the beef industry.

Your mentorship program must include: Attendance at two of the following: the Saskatchewan Angus Association Annual General Meeting and Saskatchewan Beef Industry Conference (SBIC) in January, the Canadian Angus Association Convention in June, Saskatchewan Angus Field Day/Tour, date TBA in July or August

Attendance at one beef-industry-specific educational conference, workshop or seminar, for example:

- Saskatchewan Cattle Feeders Feedlot Management School
- Western Beef Development Centre (WBDC) Cow/Calf or Pasture School
- CAA Carcass 101, etc.

Attendance at one professional development workshop or seminar, for example:

- Social media training
- Media training
- Governance training
- Government relations
- Financial planning
- Marketing, promotions
- Succession planning, etc.

Participation in at least one SAA Sub-Committee and assisting with the execution of one task on that committee, examples include:

Participants may also choose to attend other beef industry events that will provide networking and learning opportunities related to the Angus breed. Some examples include:

- Canadian Western Agribition
- National Western Stock Show
- American Angus Association National Convention
- American Red Angus Association National Convention
- World Angus Forum & Secretariat



Promotions:	Commercial:	Show/Sale:	Juniors:
Writing or sourcing one article for the Angus Edge	Presenting awards at the CWA commercial show or another SAA sponsored show	Sponsorship and Volunteer procurement for Agribition	Attend a regional 4-H show and distribute awards to Angus influence projects
Supplying or sourcing photos for SAA promotional material	Attending a Rancher Endorsed Feeder calf sale in your area	Assist show organizers at the Gold Show or at Agribition	Assist with judging scholarships/ youth awards
Developing a print ad concept	Attend the Saskatchewan Angus Field day/Tour and assist hosts with various tasks	(clerk, announcer, ringman, marshaller, tattoo check, weighing, etc.)	Assist SJAA with Junior Show
Assisting with our facebook page and web-site			

APPLY TODAY!!!



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Angus Youth Mentorship Program

Personal Information

Name:

Birthdate:

Mailing Address:

Village/Town/City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Email Address:

Telephone:

Cell:

Fax:

Describe your primary occupation, career goals and interest in the Angus beef industry in general:

Why are you interested in the Saskatchewan Angus Mentorship program?

Summarize the qualities you look for in a mentor.

Do you have someone specific in mind to be your mentor?

What aspects of Saskatchewan Angus involvement interest you the most?

How can a Saskatchewan Angus mentor help you get the most out of the mentorship program?

Why YOU should be a Mentee OR Mentor ...

by Michael Wheeler

This is a tremendous opportunity for new or younger breeders to gain information and experiences with additional financial support to cover expenses. The goals of the program are to help young producers gain valuable experience, take advantage of networking opportunities and develop the skills necessary to become a future industry leader. Saskatchewan Angus has been fortunate to access government funding to support this program and we are looking for support from young and old breeders to have this program reach its full potential.

What you need to know as a young producer:

We have been approved for five mentorships for the upcoming year. Each applicant is eligible to receive up to \$4,000 based on paid receipts for travel costs (including mileage,



airfare, hotels) as well as registration fees to attend industry events. Any Saskatchewan Angus member between the ages of 18-39 is able to apply. We will assist you with finding another breeder who will mentor you throughout the process and will hopefully create a lasting resource for you. You may also suggest or find your own mentor, and it is also important to note that mentors do not need to be from Saskatchewan.

What's in it for a mentor?

We are also looking for the support of our experienced breeders to help

guide our future leaders. This is a great opportunity to share the wealth of knowledge and experience you may have gained serving our great breed. It would be an asset if you have served as a volunteer or board member within our industry. We are not expecting a huge time commitment from our mentors, their role is more for support and to answer questions from the mentees. Simply being available for the odd phone call or a farm visit may be all that is really necessary. There is no financial support available to the mentors but there are also no travel requirements either. Being a mentor is a great way to “pay it forward” and help set up the future of our breed for success. Who knows, maybe you will meet a younger breeder that will play a role in the transition or dispersal of your own herd one day.♦