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Career Development Contest - Beef

This contest is designed to provide workforce development experience for youth through creating a resume, targeting a cover letter to a specific job and participating in a mock interview. This contest is open to Senior Level 1 (grades 9-10) and Senior Level 2 (grades 11-12) youth.

1. Youth should choose one of the jobs below to target their cover letter and interview experience. Position descriptions follow this introduction page.
   Industry: Tennessee Beef – Beef Production Internship
   Education: American Angus Association – Junior Activities Internship

2. Participants must submit a resume and a targeted cover letter in PDF format **by July 3** using submission link: https://utk.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0wS11T9dMWC6OGO
   - Resumes should not exceed two pages in length. Resumes will be evaluated by the judges on organization, content, grammar, layout and relevance.
   - Cover Letter is limited to one page, describing additional job qualifications and background to accompany the resume.
   - The cover letter for all 3 jobs should be addressed to Aaron Fisher, Youth Livestock Specialist, 2506 River Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996.

3. Contest judges will receive participant's resume, cover letter and selected job category before the contest to review.

4. Interviews will be a maximum of 15 minutes.

5. Participants are allowed to bring copies of their resume and cover letter. No other materials are allowed.

6. Participants should wear business casual or business professional attire for the interview.

7. Judges will place participants based on their resume, cover letter and interview.

8. Animal exhibition in Beef Expo is not required to participate in this contest.

9. Cash prizes for winners provided by the Developing Champion Youth Endowment.

Contact Aaron Fisher (afisher3@utk.edu; 865-974-7260) with any questions.

2026 Tennessee Beef
Experiential Learning and Industry Exposure Internship

Calling all agriculture students enrolled at a Tennessee university or community college interested in beef cattle research and extension!

WHAT IS IT? A 10-week paid internship for 10 undergraduate students to work in beef production, research, and producer outreach. The experience also includes attending professional meetings, technical writing, and personal development. While most activities occur during the summer, several activities will happen after the summer experience has been completed.

WHERE IS IT? Students are located throughout Tennessee during the summer at beef research farms maintained by the University of Tennessee. Farms include all Tennessee Research and Education Centers as well as cooperator farms throughout the state. **Housing is provided.

HOW DO I APPLY? Submit a 1) cover letter and 2) resume in a single pdf by **Dec 5, 2025,** to Aaron Fisher at tn-beef@utk.edu.

GOAL:
To increase the number of students who are ready to solve existing problems in the beef industry to meet global demand for high-quality protein foods.

OBJECTIVES:
1. Gain hands-on experience in beef cattle production. Conduct an experiential **beef cattle research or extension** project to address problems related to beef cattle nutrition, reproduction, or management.
2. Develop students' **critical thinking and communication ability** related to their research or extension project and career goals.
3. Enhance **understanding of beef industry careers** and develop a **career action plan** to achieve fellows' desired career path.

If you are a sophomore or junior majoring in agriculture, you are strongly encouraged to apply!

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POSITION POSTING

The American Angus Association's Events and Junior Activities team is offering a summer internship to provide an outstanding opportunity to assist in the events and programs of the American Angus Association. The internship program will provide a college sophomore, junior or senior the opportunity to assist with the planning and execution of junior shows and leadership events.

The internship will provide training and work experience in association work. The internship will start on or around May 12 and go through the first part of August. With some variation in the starting and ending date depending upon the availability of the person hired for the internship. An earlier start date is preferred.

Travel to assist with junior shows and events would be expected and be part of the internship. The internship would include travel to the National Junior Angus Show, LEAD Conference as well as to other shows depending upon the need for assistance with the shows.

The intern would be expected to assist with the daily in-office preparation for the National Junior Angus Show, contests, LEAD Conference, correspondence, communications and any other work as assigned.

Eligibility:

- Applicants should be a sophomore, junior or senior in college.
- Preference will be given to those that have an agriculture related major field of study.
- Must have the ability to organize, prioritize and execute multiple activities simultaneously.
- Must be able to work independently as well as in a team environment.

How to apply:

If you are interested, please submit a cover letter, resume and three references to careers@angus.org.

The American Angus Association is the nation's largest beef breed registry with nearly 22,000 adult and junior members. The Association's goal is to serve the beef cattle industry, and to increase the production of consistent, high-quality beef that will better satisfy consumers throughout the world. The Association is comprised of the parent company, the American Angus Association located in St. Joseph, MO, along with its four subsidiaries: Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Productions Inc., Certified Angus Beef LLC and the Angus Foundation. The American Angus Association is an EOE.

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