



State Advisor's Guide

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Dear State Advisor,

Thank you for your dedication and service as a Junior Red Angus State Advisor! Your leadership and support play a vital role in helping connect our juniors to opportunities for growth, leadership, and involvement within the Red Angus breed. We truly appreciate the time and energy you invest in guiding the next generation.

To help make your role a little easier, we've put together a State Advisor Guide designed to assist you as you prepare for the 2026 Red Angus Youth Expo (RAYE) and to help answer any questions that may come your way. Whether you're assisting juniors with entries, encouraging them to participate in contests, or helping coordinate your state group, this guide has everything you need to stay informed and prepared.

Inside the guide, you'll find a few important action steps we would appreciate your help with — including spreading the word about deadlines, encouraging contest participation, and supporting your state's group as they gear up for RAYE.

- We ask that your state provide a state basket or silent auction item - see page 10.
- For opening ceremonies, we ask each state to coordinate its exhibitors in a state t-shirt. We will send out your exhibitor t-shirt sizes after the first entry deadline. State Shirt Contest - See page 13
- Please provide a state write-up to be read as your state walks in by June 1st. Submit online!

We are so excited for the 2025 RAYE and are grateful to have you alongside us, helping to make it a success! If you have any questions or need anything as you prepare your juniors, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your help!
Taylor

EXHIBITOR AGE REQUIREMENTS

Exhibitors must be ages 7-21 as of January 1 of the current year. Exhibitors must be a Junior or Adult Regular Member of the Red Angus Association of America. Junior membership shall be issued only to an individual and shall expire upon attainment of age 21. Participation is acceptable through the calendar year of the individual's 21st birthday as long as the member has obtained a regular membership.

All CAA members must have an active JRA/RAAA membership as well.

Exhibitors shall exhibit sportsmanship and professional behavior in and around the show ring. Abusive, discourteous, or threatening behavior towards judges, show officials, fellow exhibitors or RAAA authorized representatives will not be tolerated.



RAYE ENTRIES

Important Deadlines:

Entry Deadline: May 15, 2026

Ownership Deadline: May 22, 2026

Late Entry Deadline: May 22, 2026

Contest Upload Deadline: May 27, 2026

All applications for entry must be made online at the official website through the REDSPro database. Entry forms must be completely filled out in accordance with instructions.

No pending registration numbers will be accepted.

DNA Required: Parent verification (Parentage test) must be completed and recorded in RedsPro on the individual animal and verified to the greatest extent possible before shown at any Red Angus National or Regional show including the Red Angus Youth Expo. For questions regarding DNA, please contact the RAAA DNA Department at dna@redangus.org.



OWNERSHIP OF ANIMALS

Breeding animals and or steers in the junior show must be the property of the owner and transferred on or before May 23, 2025. Animals cannot change ownership or be transferred from one exhibitor to another after this date.

1. Exhibitors must be the only recorded owner on record in the RAAA database of each animal(s) they exhibit excluding bred and owned bulls.
2. If the exhibitor is not the first owner on record in the RAAA database of the animal entered in the Red Angus Youth Expo Show they must have had a transfer of ownership completed so that the owner on record is identified in the RAAA database as the junior member at time the show's published entry date.
3. Bulls exhibited in the Red Angus Bred and Owned bull show must be under 18 months of age as of the publicized show date and be bred and owned by the exhibitor. The exhibitor must be the recorded owner on record with a minimum of 50% ownership.

Ownership Deadline - May 22, 2026



RAYE STALLS & TIE OUTS

Stalls and tie outs will be assigned by state groups. Exhibitors are required to stall with the state that is listed on their REDPros account. Entry fees will not be refunded.

A cow-calf pair is considered as one (1) entry.

States must use the stall cards provided. No farm or ranch signs will be allowed.

If a scenario presents itself where you have to stall with another state a fee of \$100 (per exhibitor) is required. All requests **MUST BE** emailed to youthexpo@redangus.org.

A base bedding will be provided for all cattle entered. Bedding provided will be in the barn and for tie-outs. Straw will be allowed in tie-outs, but not inside the barns. Wood chips, wood shavings or cedar fiber may **ONLY** be used for bedding in the barns. Hay and feed may be brought in by participants.

****NEW** Stalling requests within your state must be made at time of entry by the exhibitor. Stalls will be assigned by RAYE.**

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

An official CVI issued within thirty (30) days prior to the Red Angus Youth Expo must accompany all animals and shall be available at all times. All health certificates must have the physical address of livestock being moved (No post office boxes) for both the consignor and consignee. All animals must be free of any infectious, communicable, or contagious disease. If such a disease is found, it will be cause for removal of the animal(s) from the exhibition. **For questions regarding CVIs, official identification, or import requirements, please call the Wisconsin Department of Ag at (608) 224-4874.**

Official Identification: All cattle moving interstate for exhibition or show events are required to have official individual identification ear tags present in the ear. To avoid potential problems, all U.S. cattle entering the showgrounds will be expected to have a USDA Official ID ear tag present in the ear. This includes Missouri originating cattle. Official Identification must be listed on the CVI.

The following forms of identification are considered official:

RFID 840 or visual 840

Orange Metal Official, Calhoad Vaccinate
(OCV/Bang's) tag (for CVI's only)

Silver Metal USDA tag

**RAYE WILL BE COLLECTING HEALTH PAPERS AT THE
EVENT! WE RECOMMEND EXHIBITORS BRING TWO COPIES,
ONE TO KEEP AND ONE TO TURN IN.**





RAYE ACTIVITIES

OPENING CEREMONIES

Opening Ceremonies is a time to celebrate the juniors from each state and recognize all the junior members in attendance. States will be asked to take a state picture as well as a RAYE group picture before the ceremony begins. It is meant to be a celebration; states are allowed to have fun with this and dress up as much as they would like.

A state flag will be provided.

Please provide a state write up to be read as your state walks in by June 1st!

<https://form.jotform.com/251106604774151>



LITTLE BUCK-A-ROO

Have a younger kid who wants to join in on the fun at the Red Angus Youth Expo? Check out our Little Buck-A-Roo program. This program is available for kids ages 8 years and younger.

Throughout the week, we will have activities geared specifically for our Buck-A-Roos.

How do you sign up your little Buck-A-Roo for these activities?

- Activities are open to youth ages 8 years and younger as of January 1 of the current show year.
- Sign up on the Red Angus Youth Expo website.
- Little Buck-A-Roos will need to come to check-in during RAYE.

Most activities will last approximately 30 minutes and all items needed will be provided. Activities can include anything from arts and crafts to snacks and more!

View more information here and sign up here:

<https://redangusyouthexpo.com/little-buck-a-roo/>

Sign up by June 1st



STATE BASKETS

Get your state together and create a state basket, or multiple, to bring to the RAYE to put in our state basket silent auction. State baskets will be displayed throughout the week, where people can view them and place their bids.

The state basket silent auction will close during the awards ceremony, and the winners will be announced there.

State baskets must to be dropped off at the show office by Monday, June 22 at 9 AM.

Half of the proceeds from your state's basket will go back to your junior's state association, while the other half will go toward RAYE.





RAYE CONTESTS

CARCASS/ULTRASOUND CONTEST

Animal Eligibility:

All steers must be registered in the Red Angus Association and be at least 50% Red Angus. Color must be at least 85% red, buckskin and or red baldy. No black pigmented or smokies will be accepted.

OR (Doesn't have to be both)

Animals must be enrolled in the Feeder Calf Certification Program (FCCP) and carry a program compliant tag.

Ultrasound data will be used to calculate the carcass results.

Reminder that this is NOT a terminal steer show.

Steers entered in the purebred steer show or percentage steer show are eligible to compete in the carcass contest with proper entry fee through the entry portal.

**Steers will NOT be shaved
for the contest!**



STATE SHIRTS

The purpose of this contest is to encourage state participation in a fun and creative manner.

1. State shirts are to be worn during opening ceremonies.
2. A judge will select the state shirt winner based on creativity, design, and membership participation.
3. The top 3 placing states will earn state sweepstakes points for their state.

Although not required, it's strongly encouraged for states to create "State Shirts." These shirts are worn during opening ceremonies to highlight each state. Shirts can match the RAYE theme, your state's theme, or something special about your state (i.e. sports team, college, etc.)



RAYE CONTESTS

Exhibitor Eligibility: To be eligible to participate in the RAYE contests, each exhibitor must be a member of the National Junior Red Angus Association at the time of check-in.

Age Requirement: Exhibitors must be 7 years old and not yet 22 years old by January 1, (of that show year), and a current JRA/RAAA or CAA member.

There are no fees to participate in RAYE contests if the exhibitors have an animal entry, but need to sign up online at the time of entry. If no animal is entered, JRA members may pay a contest only fee through the online entry system.

The photo, ad design, professional development, and operational marketing contests must submit their projects by to May 27 through their upload sites.

**There are no contest requirements
in order to show at the RAYE**



STATE HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

The purpose of this contest is to encourage unity, togetherness, and teamwork among state juniors in developing and maintaining a display of cattle and stall areas. It also promotes pride and enthusiasm for the state junior organization and rewards those organizations that achieve this purpose.

States will be given a 10x10 display area, no additional space will be given.

Stall signs will be provided to exhibitors, states cannot use their own stall signs. No farm or ranch signs will be allowed

Feel free to get creative and have fun with your display area!



SWEEPSTAKES

Individual Sweepstakes

The purpose of Sweepstakes is to award participants for their participation and efforts throughout the week and encourage junior members to get involved at the Red Angus Youth Expo.

State Sweepstakes

The purpose of state sweepstakes is to encourage statewide participation and for states to get involved at the Red Angus Youth Expo.

**View the premium book for more details:
<https://redangusyouthexpo.com/contests/>**





JRA LEADERSHIP

JRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Any JRA member who has reached his or her 16th birthday as of the board application deadline but has not reached his or her 21st birthday as of the board application deadline, is eligible for nomination to the Board of Directors. Any JRA member applying for election to the JRA Board must maintain a continuous JRA or RAAA membership for a minimum of the two years prior to the membership year of officer application. Any JRA member applying for election to the JRA Board must have physically attended a minimum of one national event hosted by the JRA prior to the deadline of the officer application.

The annual meeting of the membership shall be held at the annual Red Angus Youth Expo for the purpose of electing officers and conducting such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

A member of the JRA must submit an official director application and signed pledge form showing his or her intent to run for a position on the Board of Directors.

View more information here: <https://redangusyouthexpo.com/jra-board-of-directors/>

For questions contact Junior Coordinator, Taylor Dorsey

Application Deadline - May 22nd



ROYALTY PROGRAM

The Junior Red Angus Association is proud to announce the launch of our Queen and Princess Program, celebrating leadership, advocacy, and a passion for the Red Angus breed. These young women will serve as ambassadors for JRA, promoting the values of integrity, stewardship, and service within the beef industry.

The JRA Queen and Princess will represent our organization at events across the country—sharing their stories, supporting fellow juniors, and helping to grow awareness of the Red Angus breed. Through this program, we aim to elevate youth leadership and provide meaningful opportunities for personal and professional development.

Queen Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a dues-paid member of the Junior Red Angus Association.
- Applicant must be between the ages of 16 and 21 at the application deadline.
- Applicant must show an active interest in raising and promoting the Red Angus breed.
- Must be present for the opening day of the Red Angus Youth Expo through the conclusion of the show.
- Second terms are allowed only when no other qualified individuals apply.
- Applicants must also assist JRA board of directors and show staff throughout the week of Expo.

Application Requirements

- Two reference letters submitted with application (Ex: Advisor, Teacher, Breeder, Church Leader). Reference letters should not be from a family member.

Princess Eligibility Requirements

- Applicant must be a dues-paid member of the Junior Red Angus Association.
- Applicant must be between the ages of 13 and 15, at the application deadline.
- Applicant must show an active interest in raising and promoting the Red Angus breed.

Application Requirements

- One reference letter submitted with application (Ex: Advisor, Teacher, Breeder, Church Leader). Reference letters should not be from a family member.

Apply here:

<https://redangusyouthexpo.com/jra-queen-and-princess/>

Application Deadline
May 22nd



JRA AWARDS

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR AWARD

The Outstanding JRA Member Award honors an all-around standout—someone who has shown excellence in leadership, involvement, service, and breed promotion. This prestigious award is given to a member who embodies the spirit and values of the JRA program: integrity, passion, initiative, and dedication to the Red Angus breed.

Recipients of this award are not only active participants in JRA activities, but they also go above and beyond to serve their communities, mentor younger members, and act as ambassadors for the breed. They lead by example, inspire others through their actions, and contribute meaningfully to the future of the beef industry.

View the nomination application for the outstanding junior here: <https://redangusyouthexpo.com/jra-awards/>

Nomination Deadline - June 1st



JRA HERDSMAN AWARD

The JRA Herdsman Award celebrates a junior member who demonstrates outstanding animal husbandry, sportsmanship, and a strong work ethic both in and out of the show ring. This individual goes above and beyond to care for their cattle and support fellow exhibitors.

Herdsman candidates will be announced on June 4th, 2025. Voting will open on June 9th and close on June 11th, 2025, at midnight CST. Only one vote per valid junior member number will be allowed.

View eligibility requirements and the nomination application:
<https://redangusyouthexpo.com/jra-awards/>

Nomination Deadline - June 1st

