

## Tips for Successful Scholarship Applications

I have asked an expert in this field to give some helpful tips on this subject. We hope you will find it helpful. In the past, we have noticed some trends in the applications we receive for Angus scholarships that either render your application invalid, or really decrease your chances of consideration. Before filling out the scholarship application form(s), please take a few moments to read the list below:

**Applications must be legible!** If the selection committee can't read your writing... your application won't be considered. We recommend that you type your application or do it on the computer, however handwritten is acceptable provided it is clear and easy to read.

**Please pay attention to the stated criteria!** If you don't meet the criteria, you don't qualify for the scholarship. For example, if you are currently in Grade 9, you are not yet eligible to apply.

**Adhere to the deadlines!** Although we live in a world where it seems that deadlines tend to be considered more often than not as 'guidelines', there are some deadlines that truly are! When you are applying for admission to Colleges or Universities, you will find that the deadlines are strictly enforced. A 'rule of thumb' is that, if you are applying for money, you must stick to the deadline and scholarships are very much about applying for money! Your application must be submitted or postmarked on or before the following dates... there are no exceptions!

Lybrook Miller Memorial Scholarship - Application deadline: June 1st

Dorothy Banks Memorial Scholarship - Application deadline: June 1st

Include everything that is asked for. When we ask for pictures, please provide a recent one from either school or some other occasion. The Dorothy Banks Memorial Scholarship requires a written reference, so please assure your reference responds to the proper questions and that you have identified whether they are a school, community, or leader contact.

**Use proper grammar, including spelling and punctuation!** Everyone who is applying for a scholarship is planning to continue their education and/or training in some developmental form. Please assure, when hoping to achieve assistance to this end, that you do not make careless spelling and grammatical errors in your application. We have received applications that spelled "Angus" wrong! A proofread or having a friend or family member edit is a quick method for avoiding this all-too-common mistake.

Please consider your scholarship application like it is a job application. Only those that are professional will be considered.

# **DOROTHY BANKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Dorothy Banks was a former school teacher who believed that education could be learned throughout all your life which she proved by attending University in her eighties to learn Spanish because she was going to Argentina for the World Angus Forum. She was a great supporter of young people and encouraged them to live life to the best that they could. Dorothy was a great supporter of Angus cattle which she proved because she volunteered to be the Alberta Angus Association secretary for twenty-five years. In her memory the Alberta Angus Association is sponsoring a scholarship for any Alberta youth who is pursuing post secondary education and is open to all Alberta farm youth who have ever been involved in any activity (either 4-H or junior activities) using Angus influenced cattle. Preference will be given to high school graduates in the year of graduation or persons already enrolled in further educational study.

## **DOROTHY BANKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

### **INFORMATION ABOUT YOU**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN OR CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

### **RECORD OF 4-H OR JUNIOR ACTIVITY**

In point form summarize your 4-H/Junior involvement beyond the basic member expectations. Examples: leadership roles you have taken, projects or activities you have organized or other ways you have enhanced your 4-H/Junior experience. Use an additional sheet if required.

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### **RECORD OF NON 4-H/JUNIOR ACTIVITIES**

Summarize your involvement in school and community activities. Indicate office or positions held, awards achieved, or work activities carried out (in point form).

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### **RECORD OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT WITH ANGUS CATTLE (in point form)**

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### **INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR STUDIES**

What post-secondary institution do you plan to attend or are attending? \_\_\_\_\_

What program? \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or diploma sought? \_\_\_\_\_

List the Grade 12 courses or the 6 most recent post secondary courses that you have completed and marks received. Attach a copy of your transcript if available.

**COURSE MARK COURSE MARK**

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**REFERENCES**

Please contact **three** references. Have each reference complete and return the attached reference form. Possible references could be:

- Your school principle or teacher
- Community member
- 4-H Leader or Youth Group Leader

Provide each reference with an envelope and include each sealed reference with your application.

**Photograph Must Be Included With This Application.**

If you are selected for a scholarship your photograph will be used for advertising purposes. A head and shoulders shot 1 1/4" wide x 2" long or a wallet size graduation picture is acceptable. Please include your name on the back of the photo. Do not otherwise write on, paper clip or staple photos. Please note photos will not be returned. Have you made a copy of the application form for your records?

**This form must be received into the Alberta Angus Association Office by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the application year.**

**Send to:**

Dorothy Banks Memorial Scholarship  
c/o Alberta Angus Association  
RR#2  
New Norway, AB T0B 3L0

**I DECLARE THAT THIS INFORMATION IS CORRECT AND THAT IF I AM GRANTED THIS AWARD, I WILL COMPLY WITH ITS TERMS.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE**

**DOROTHY BANKS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION REFERENCE FORM**

*Information to be filled in by applicant.*

4-H/JRs. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

*Information to be submitted by reference person.*

Please check  one of the following boxes:  school reference  community reference  leader reference

Please comment briefly on the above applicant.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

2. What types of behaviour has the applicant exhibited during this time you have known him or her? Example: leadership qualities, communication abilities, community involvement and outstanding achievements.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date