

Lily Jeffries

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Dear NJAA Voting Delegates,

I am both honored and humbled to submit my application and be in the running for the National Junior Angus Association Board of Directors. Each of you play a very important role in shaping the future of the National Junior Angus Association and I thank you for taking the time to be a voting delegate.

The NJAA has been a very influential part of what has shaped me to be the person I am today. It has given me countless opportunities for growth, leadership, and connections nationwide, and it is an honor to have the chance to give back to an organization that has made such a lasting impact on my life.

Being involved with the NJAA and the Angus industry has taught me invaluable lessons about responsibility, work ethic, passion, and relationships, which I appreciate deeply. From a young age I have been involved with the NJAA and the Kentucky Junior Angus Association participating in conferences, contests, shows, and leadership positions. I feel as though I am well equipped with the skills and knowledge to serve the National Junior Angus Association to the best of my ability. If given the opportunity and privilege to serve, I will work hard to represent the membership with positivity, integrity, and purpose. It is my goal to bring teamwork and enthusiasm to the NJAA to cultivate an environment where every junior member feels welcomed, included, and heard. I am prepared to dedicate and allot time and effort to fulfill this role to its maximum potential. I am committed to leading and serving others selflessly to propel and continue the success of the National Junior Angus Association in a way that reflect its values and traditions.

I appreciate and thank you for your time and dedication to the National Junior Angus Association. I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve on the NJAA Board of Directors and represent the Association that has helped shape me into the person I am now.

Sincerely,

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Education

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK – Animal Science August 2024 – present
Hart County High School, Munfordville, KY - Merit Diploma May 2024

Experience

Cattlemen's Congress General Show internship- Oklahoma City, OK January 2025- January 2025

Pembrook Cattle Company, Fairview, OK- *ranch assistant* March 2025- Current

- Daily care of show cattle including washing and feeding
- Exhibiting animals to show nationally
- Daily help with ranch management: herd health, breeding, feeding, etc.

Circle M farms, Perkins, OK- Show barn employee October 2024- January 2025

- Daily care of show cattle including washing and feeding

Green River Meats, Campbellsville, KY - *Retail Associate* March 2024 - August 2024 / May 2025-August2025 / May2026- current

- Abundance of customer service experience: answering questions, addressing concerns, helping find products in the store
- Inventory management: restocking and taking inventory
- Sales team: finding new ideas for promotion and new marketing techniques
- Balancing cash registers and daily sales with the POS system

Davis Bend Farms, Canmer, KY – *Farm assistant* January 2019- August 2024

- Daily care of show cattle including washing and feeding
- Exhibiting animals to show
- Daily help with ranch management: herd health, breeding, feeding, etc.
- Managing positions at the Angus Opportunity sale

Awards & Involvement

Plant science by Bayer Crop certification

Horticulture by Bayer Crop certification

Senior Class President, Hart County High School

Vice President Kentucky Junior Angus Association

AggieX club Branding committee, Oklahoma State University

BQA certified

President Kentucky Junior Angus Association

August 2023 - May 2024

March 2024- March 2026

September 2024 – May 2025

July 2025

March 2026- Present

Lily Jeffries NJAA Board of Directors Candidate Questions

1. What personal and professional goals have you set for the future?

My personal and professional goals for the future go hand in hand. Personally, I want to build as many relationships with as many people as possible. I want to make the relationships and impressions that I have with and on people meaningful and impacting. It is a goal of mine to surround myself with good people who will push me to be better every single day. I have come to realize that for that to happen it may not always be sweet, and luxurious, but more so truthful and challenging. I think to be successful professionally that, that is a very important step in the right direction. Professionally, I want to pursue a career in some form of agricultural sales. I want to be able to support producers and help be a part of sustaining and advancing an industry that is so important. It is also in my plans to continue to breed and raise Angus cattle and be involved in my families operation. I am also passionate about being a voice for agriculture and ensuring that future generations understand and appreciate the importance of the way of life that producers live. Even for those who are unfamiliar with agriculture, helping to make those individuals more aware and bridging the gap between producers and consumers.

2. Knowing what you know now, what would you have done differently in your NJAA career?

Knowing what all I know now I would have tried to take every single chance I could. While I feel like I have numerous skills that help me every single day, which I owe a lot of credit to the NJAA for, I wish I would have been less fearful and nervous to do things. As a younger member in the NJAA it seemed scary to be with the “big kids” and do the same things as them and often that steered me away from opportunities that I could have participated in. As I have gotten older sometimes that same fear is there but not near the scale it used to be. I would have went to every workshop, conference, done every contest, and tried to make as many friends as possible. I have been able to make a lot of valuable relationships and friends through the NJAA, but I could only imagine what it would look like, had I tried a little harder to do more at a younger age. Life only seems to get busier as you get older so if I could do anything differently it would be to get involved, do more, and meet new people when I had all the time in the world.

3. How do you demonstrate leadership when no title or recognition is involved?

I demonstrate leadership when there is no title or recognition by actions. Leadership is not defined by a title but rather actions. Being able to step up when and wherever need to at any time, regardless of the task at hand. I think one of the best ways to do this is by setting a positive example through work ethic, attitude, and effort. Taking initiative and doing what must be done without being asked and doing it efficiently and effectively. Not complaining about it but just doing it because it is what needs to be done. Leading through action is the most powerful form of influence because people physically see and recognize what you are doing. It reflects your character, commitment, attitude for serving others without having to be recognized for your good works which goes much farther than any award or title.

4. If elected to the NJAA Board of Directors, what would you bring to the table?

If elected to the NJAA Board of Directors, I would bring teamwork and collaboration with me. I am a big believer that for things to work well, work smoothly, and be achieved to the highest possibility it takes more than one person. It takes a team to be able to accomplish big things. On a scale like the NJAA it simply cannot be done by one person. Whether the task is big or small having a team around you who is willing to work with you as one will make any outcome a good one. I also strongly believe that having multiple minds working together is a great way to make things as best as they can possibly be. Not everyone thinks the same and each person has different thoughts and ideas. When working together every side and angle gets considered, which in my opinion leaves little room for error or failure. If elected, I would bring that attitude and belief with me to try to encourage working together as much as possible to help foster an environment where everyone feels heard and all ideas, thoughts, and questions are welcomed and appreciated to obtain the best outcome possible.

5. In your words, what role does the NJAA Board of Directors play in the NJAA?

In my opinion the overall role of the NJAA Board of directors is to direct the culture and environment of the NJAA. I think it is the Boards responsibility to create a culture where everyone feels seen, heard, and welcomed. The board is voted on by the membership to reflect their voice and represent their thoughts and concerns. Being responsible for keeping events and shows running smoothly and efficiently falls on the board as well, but the feedback to do this comes from the junior members who are participating. It is the role of the board to be an approachable face that listens, encourages, and motivates members to be involved. Getting members involved at shows and conferences so that everyone feels included and welcomed is another key part of being on the Junior Board. Getting more people involved through conferences, contests, and clinics/workshops are what will grow the Junior association and help to direct success for everyone's future. The atmosphere of conferences and shows is set by the Junior Board so setting an example for members by having a positive attitude and being a good role model though work ethic, involvement, and just overall good character, is what will create the environment that is positive, fun, welcoming, and encouraging for members of all ages. By promoting leadership, encouraging involvement, and supporting fellow members, the NJAA Board of Directors helps ensure the continued success and progression of the NJAA.