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### **Tokach family establishes new Stockmen's Foundation endowment scholarship**

The Tokach Angus Ranch Memorial Scholarship will be added to the North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation's scholarship offerings in 2015. The family of former North Dakota Stockmen's Association (NDSA) President Richard M. "Dick" Tokach of Mandan, N.D., who passed away in November 2014, established the endowment scholarship to honor the industry and civic contributions of Dick, who was an Angus breeder, state legislator and Morton County Commissioner, as well as his surviving wife, Theresa, and to support young North Dakotans pursuing beef-related careers.

To be eligible for the Tokach Angus Ranch Memorial Scholarship, students must be residents of North Dakota; have a grade-point average of at least 3.0; be enrolled or plan to be enrolled in an institution of higher education in animal science, range science, pre-veterinary medicine, agribusiness, ag communication, farm and ranch management or another beef-related discipline; have an interest in the state's beef cattle industry; be an NDSA member or the child of an NDSA member; and submit the required application form, essay and references.

Preference will be given to students who have completed their bachelor degree and are pursuing a graduate education or professional school (such as veterinary or law school).

"We are grateful to the Tokach family for making available a new opportunity for youth to advance their education and prepare for a career in the beef industry," said Towner, N.D., cattleman Jason Zahn, who is the president of the North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation. "We are excited to add the Tokach Angus Ranch Memorial Scholarship to the offering and that it expands eligibility to those who are pursuing advanced education as well."

Application forms and additional information are available under the "ND Stockmen's Foundation" tab at [www.ndstockmen.org](http://www.ndstockmen.org). The North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation will accept applications until June 15. The inaugural scholarship will be presented during the Foundation Luncheon during the NDSA Annual Convention & Trade Show on Sept. 26 at the Ramada in Bismarck, N.D.

Established in 2008, the North Dakota Stockmen's Foundation supports beef-related scholarship, leadership, promotion, research and building objectives. This year, it will be issuing eight scholarships to young people.

[Scholarship application.](#)

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*Cutline: The Tokach Angus Ranch Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the late Richard M. "Dick" Tokach, a former North Dakota Stockmen's Association president and civic and industry leader.*