

Beef Improvement Federation
58th Annual Research Symposium and Annual Meeting

2026 Baker/Cundiff Scholarship
for Graduate Students

The annual Frank Baker/Larry Cundiff Scholarship is being sponsored by the Beef Improvement Federation. Students currently enrolled in an advanced degree program at an accredited university in the United States or Canada are eligible. Students need not be U.S. citizens. Up to two winning essays will be published in the Proceedings of the BIF Research Symposium and Annual Meeting. Winning authors will receive a scholarship of \$2,500. The meeting details can be found at www.beefimprovement.org. Literature reviews can be contributed on any specific topic concerning genetic improvement in beef cattle.

The review should include the following components:

Contents

Advisor Approval Page (on second page of this document)
Introduction
Review of Literature
Conclusions and Implications for Genetic Improvement of Beef Cattle
Literature Cited

Format

The document should not exceed 15 pages in length (Times New Roman 12 pt. font), excluding tables, figures and literature cited. It should be prepared as an electronic document (preferably in MS word) with 1 1/2 spacing on standard 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper using 1 inch margins (both sides, top and bottom). It should be submitted as both a word document and a pdf after checking that formatting is correct after conversion.

Curriculum Vitae

Each applicant should also submit brief curriculum vitae (not to exceed 2 pages in length) that includes the following items: Name, Address, Phone, Institution, Education (schools attended, dates, and degrees and majors), Current major, work experiences, honors and awards, publications, and thesis topic(s).

Submission deadline is April 15, 2026 at 11:59 CST. Forward all requested documents by e-mail as an attachment to:

Megan Rolf, Ph.D.
Chair, BIF Frank Baker/Larry Cundiff Essay Award Committee
Email: megrolf@ksu.edu

Winners will be notified as soon as possible.

Information on the Convention will be posted to: <http://www.beefimprovement.org>

Title:

<Insert title here>

Author:

<Insert Author name here>

Biographical sketch (please do not exceed 250 words):

<Please provide a short paragraph outlining your background and educational experience. If your essay is selected, this may be read at the awards ceremony. >

Advisor Name:

<Insert the name of your academic and research supervisor(s)>

Advisor Approval:

I certify that I have read and had sufficient time to provide feedback on the attached literature review.

Advisor Signature

Date