

AUSTRALIAN LOWLINE CATTLE ASSOCIATION YOUTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM (YIP)



An exciting new incentive program is starting for our youth ALCA members as a yearly competition. No matter the State or Territory, ALCA is committed to encouraging our younger members of Australia and New Zealand, and are excited to introduce the Youth Incentive Program or YIP for short. This program circumnavigates the issues of distance in our wonderful countries and allows youth members to compete no matter their location.

To be eligible, youth must be, 21 years and under and have either a Youth Membership or Full Membership. Points will not be allocated unless a membership is held, points will not be back dated before a membership starts. Points will be allocated for Lowline Stud Cattle classes, Led Steer/Heifer classes, Junior Handling, Junior Judging, Education Days and Clinics.

Eligibility in Led Steer/Heifer classes, Junior Handling and Judging, Education Days and Clinics, DOES NOT require the animal to be an Australian Lowline. Stud Cattle must be Australian Lowlines and owned by the youth member, their immediate family or the school that the member attends. Led Steers/Heifers must be owned by the youth member, their immediate family or the school that the member attends.

To submit points;

- It is the youth/family's responsibility to submit points to the nominated points keeper.
- All achievements must be submitted in writing by email. Results over the phone will not be accepted.
- Points must be submitted within 30 days of the event.
- Points must be accompanied by evidence, as in photos of ribbons and the member showing. (A photo of each animal is not required.)

Points are allocated as follows;

Lowline Breed Class Placings, Led Steer/Heifer Classes, Junior Judging and Junior Handling.

\$1,500 in Cash & Prizes including a registered heifer donated by Ken and Gill Lorains, Whitby Farm

1st Place - 5 Points	Champion - 4 Points
2nd Place - 4 Points	Reserve Champion - 3 Points
3rd Place - 3 Points	Grand Champion - 5 Points
4th Place - 2 Points	Interbreed Champion - 6 Points
5th Place - 1 Point	

Royal Shows and BEEF Week (eg Casino and Rockhampton) earn double points as set out above.

Participation in Education Days and Clinics earn 3 points per day.

How points will be allocated;

EXAMPLE A

Joe attends a three-day clinic – $3 \times 3 = 9$
Joe places first in Junior Judging – 5
Joe's Steer places third - 3
 $9 + 5 + 3 = 17$ points

EXAMPLE B

Jenny, who is a Lowline Member, attends a Royal Show with her school
Jenny leads an Australian Lowline heifer owned by her school, she receives a first place.
5 points (double points as it is a Royal Show) - 10
The female calf, led by Jenny, earns Reserve Champion Calf Female
3 points (double as it is a Royal Show) - 6
Total Points – $10 + 6 = 16$ points

There will be amazing prizes for the top five ALCA Youth of Australia/New Zealand! This is an exciting program that recognises the time and effort that our younger members put in to their animals. We cannot wait to start this program in line with our 2025-2026 memberships.

Justin Clarke (Council Member – Youth)