

PARKS AND WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION INFORMATION

C A T E G O R Y 3

(Undergraduate or postgraduate educational assistance available to employees seeking bachelor's, master's or doctorate degrees directly related to career fields at TPWD.)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

- Eligible to work in the United State (pursuant to INS requirements).
- Accepted in an accredited degree program related to natural resource conservation.
- Is ranked in the top quarter of the high school class or has a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or a minimum of 850 on the SAT or 21 on the ACT.

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY STUDENT

- Meet all the requirements listed above.
- Attend an accredited college or university.
- Undergraduates must maintain a minimum of 12 hours per semester; graduate students must be enrolled as a full-time student.
- Is enrolled in a degree program related to natural resource conservation.
- Has an overall GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or pass on a pass/fail system.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

HIGH SCHOOL

- A completed scholarship application
- Two letters of recommendation
- An official high school transcript (to include class rank and/or GPA); **OR** an official record of completion of high school requirements (GED), and an official college entrance examination score report with qualifying scores as follows: a minimum SAT score of 850 or minimum ACT score of 21
- An official acceptance notice from an accredited college or university
- A copy of official degree plan

COLLEGE

- A completed scholarship application
- Two letters of recommendation
- An official college transcript
- A copy of official degree plan

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed for eligibility and will be considered on the basis of the following selection criteria:

Work/Volunteer

- Honor and awards from, and participation in, activities, endeavors, volunteer work and work, etc. related to the field of natural or cultural resource conservation.

Academic:

- SAT or ACT score
- High school/college grade point average

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

Scholarship payment will be made upon successful completion of the semester and evidence of final grade has been submitted (grade report, receipts for tuition, books, supplies and any other school-related expenses). Payment will be dependent on recipient maintaining overall GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

**APPLICATION
for
CATEGORY 3**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the application for the scholarship. Print neatly or type.
2. Gather the required documents and check off the items on the checklist below.
3. Mail or email this page, the completed application and the required documents to:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation
2914 Swiss Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204
Phone: 214/720-1478
Email: 214/720-3864

4. If you email your materials, please follow by sending in your originals through the mail.

CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS

- Completed application
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official High School transcript or official GED record (HS)
- Official college entrance exam score report (HS)
- An official acceptance notice from college/university (HS)
- Official college transcript
- Copy of official degree plan

Applicant's Signature

RETURN THIS PAGE WITH THE REST OF YOUR MATERIALS

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SECTION B.

Attach additional sheets if necessary

Describe volunteer and leadership experience, accomplishments, honors, scholarships and awards and date received. Also, list school or community organizations or activities (e.g. National Honor Society, 4-H, Scouting, FFA, UIL, etc.) in which you have been involved. Include your position and period of involvement.

HONORS/ACTIVITIES	DATES	HOURS PER WEEK
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Hobbies:

Please list work skills, volunteer positions or internships you have held.

PLACE OF BUSINESS	POSITION/ HOURS PER WEEK	DATED INVOLVED	WORK SKILLS
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SECTION C.

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The mission of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is:

“To manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.”

If awarded a scholarship, how would it prepare you to further the conservation of natural and cultural resources or otherwise contribute to this purpose?

Please explain your career goals:

Is there any other factor you would like us to consider in evaluating your application? If so, please explain:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department policy prohibits an employee from serving in a position of supervisory authority over certain relatives. To minimize future potential of such a conflict, please answer the following:

Do you have any relatives working for this agency? Yes No

If yes, list the names, relationships and city where employed.

Student Signature	_____	Date	_____
HR Coordinator/Authorization	_____	Date	_____
Director of Human Resources	_____	Date	_____
Foundation Member	_____	Date	_____
Executive Director	_____	Date	_____

PARKS AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Parks and Wildlife Conservation Scholarship is managed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, the nonprofit partner of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). The Parks and Wildlife Conservation Scholarship Program is comprised of three funds:

- The Andrew Sansom Expo Scholarship Fund
- The Arch Hollingsworth Scholarship Fund
- The Larry McEachron Memorial Scholarship fund

Scholarships are offered to current employees, graduating high school students and college students seeking undergraduate or postgraduate degrees related to natural and cultural resource conservation. Scholarships are also offered to TPWD employees who are seeking certifications, licenses or specialized skills that may qualify them for future job vacancies and enhance opportunities for advancement within career fields at TPWD.

As part of the review process, additional consideration will be given for any one of the following:

- TPWD employees and their immediate family
- Applicants who have served as TPWD interns in the Coastal Fisheries Division
- Applicants who reside in any of the following Texas counties:

Anderson	Hardin	Nacogdoches	Sabine	Tyler
Angelina	Houston	Newton	San Augustine	
Cherokee	Jasper	Polk	Trinity	

The scholarship awarded will be for the academic year following receipt of scholarship.
A brief description of each category to be awarded is provided below.

TPWD EMPLOYEES	<p>CATEGORY 1</p> <p>Undergraduate or post graduate educational assistance available to employees seeking bachelor’s, master’s or doctorate degrees directly related to career fields at TPWD</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>OR</i></p> <p>CATEGORY 2</p> <p>Non-degree educational assistance available to employees to include seeking certifications, licenses or specialized skills for career advancement within career fields at TPWD.</p>
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STUDENTS	<p>CATEGORY 3</p> <p>Educational assistance available to graduating high school students and college students pursuing degree programs which will prepare them for careers in natural resource conservations at TPWD.</p>
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APPLICATION INFORMATION

The application form and all the necessary documentation must be received at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation offices no later than 5:00 pm on September 1st (or the next business day if the 1st fall on a weekend) in order to be considered. Postmarks are not acceptable if the application arrives in our office after the deadline.

Applicants will be notified of their selection states no later than October 1st.

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Mail your application and required documents to:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation
2914 Swiss Avenue
Dallas, TX 75204

Or email:

yboyack@tpwf.org

For additional information on the program contact:

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Assistant to the Director
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