



Brady M. Boyd Wildlife Management Scholarship Application

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation



Executive Summary

For hundreds of years, Texas' vast, rugged prairies, towering canyons, grassy banks, untamed rivers, and untouched shorelines have held a special place in the hearts and minds of its citizens. The legacy of its unrivaled landscapes inspires a strong sense of place and connection, that when experienced, is not soon forgotten. With 11 distinct ecoregions covering 268,500 square miles, Texas is blessed with amazing biodiversity, including nearly 800 species of fish, 634 species of birds, and over 4,600 species of native plants. It is a breathtaking place, with unsurpassed character and unmistakable abundance. However, Texas is experiencing immense population shifts that are creating challenges and opportunities to conserve the state's rich natural resources and cultural heritage. Today and in the years to come, it is critical to steward and conserve Texas' wild things and wild places, not only for the health of our lands, waters, and wildlife, but for the well-being and benefit of all Texans.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation: A Committed Partner

Founded in 1991, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation (TPWF) is the non-profit funding partner of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Overseen by the Board of Trustees and administered by 12 full-time staff members, the mission of TPWF is to provide private support to TPWD to ensure that all Texans, today and in the future, can enjoy the wild things and wild places of Texas. TPWF secures private funding through gifts and grants for transformational projects supported by sound science with measurable results and meaningful impact that would not be possible without the private philanthropy of generous Texas citizens and foundations. Since its inception, TPWF has raised more than \$205 million in philanthropy to conserve our state's natural resources and expand outdoor recreation opportunities for every Texan.

The Brady M. Boyd Wildlife Management Scholarship

The Brady M. Boyd Scholarship Fund advances conservation through education for graduating high school students and current college students. The fund was established to honor the memory of Brady M. Boyd (1991-2014), an avid hunter and angler. A life-long outdoorsman, Brady would be proud to know that others will continue to live out his love and enjoyment of the outdoors for years to come through the study and practice of wildlife management. Thanks to the generosity of its benefactors, the Brady M. Boyd Wildlife Management Scholarship will help ensure that the brightest and most dedicated individuals, regardless of their financial means, can pursue a career in conservation.

Scholarship Overview

- \$2,000 for tuition/materials
- Restricted to undergraduate students interested in a career in Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences, Range & Wildlife Management/Wildlife Sciences, Ecosystem Science & Management, or a related field
- Payment will be made upon successful completion of the semester with a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Eligibility Criteria

- Current full-time enrollment (or acceptance for graduating high school students) at an accredited college or university in Texas in a degree program related to wildlife management/conservation (see above)
- Current overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Required Documentation

- Completed application
- One brief letter of recommendation
- Personal statement (see guidelines below)
- Official high school transcript (only required if fewer than 24 college/university credit hours completed)
- Official college/university transcript (from all schools attended)

Personal Statement Guidelines

In 1,000 words or less, please tell us about your interest in wildlife conservation/management and how you hope to make an impact to conserve the wild things and wild places in Texas.

Application

Please submit your application, personal statement, letter of recommendation and transcript(s) to kpotts@tpwf.org by **Monday, June 15, 2020**. All materials must be sent in electronic format (PDFs) via email to be accepted. PDF scans of transcripts will be accepted. Please do not send photographs with your application packet.

Applicants will be notified by August 1, 2020 of scholarship award.

For additional questions, please contact:

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