



# The Brady and W.K. Boyd Conservation Scholarship

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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. 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. 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**

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Founded in 1991, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation is the official nonprofit partner of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). The mission of TPWF is to support TPWD to ensure that all Texans, today and in the future, can enjoy the wild things and wild places of Texas. TPWF secures funding for transformational projects supported by sound science with measurable results and meaningful impact that would not be possible without the support of generous funders. Since its inception, TPWF has raised more than \$250 million to advance Texas' proud outdoor traditions and conserve our state's lands, waters, and wildlife. In recent years, TPWF has funded significant projects such as restoring the iconic pool at Balmorhea State Park, repairing fish hatcheries and research vessels devastated by Hurricane Harvey, and acquiring the stunning 17,351-acre Powderhorn Ranch in Calhoun County.

## **The Brady and W.K. Boyd Conservation Scholarship**

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The Brady and W.K. Boyd Conservation Scholarship advances conservation through education for graduating high school students and current college students. The fund was established to honor the memories of Brady M. Boyd (1991-2014) and Walter K. Boyd IV (1979-2017), two brothers who were avid hunters and anglers. Life-long outdoorsmen, Brady and W.K. would be proud to know that others will continue to live out their 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 and W.K. Boyd Conservation Scholarship will help ensure that the brightest and most dedicated individuals, regardless of their financial means, can pursue a career in conservation.

## Scholarship Information

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- Up to \$4,000 per student per academic year (\$2,000 per semester) for tuition and related expenses, paid directly to the college or university at the start of each semester.
- Payment is dependent upon successful completion of the previous semester with a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## Eligibility Information

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- **Restricted to undergraduate students pursuing a 4-year degree**, interested in a career in wildlife and fisheries sciences, range and wildlife management, wildlife sciences, ecosystem science and management, or a related field.
- 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 cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

## Required Documentation (Please Refer Notes/Guidelines Attached)

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

## Personal Statement Guidelines

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

## Application

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Please submit your application, personal statement, letter of recommendation and transcript(s) to [info@tpwf.org](mailto:info@tpwf.org) by **Monday, June 10, 2024**. 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 of scholarship award by **Thursday, August 1, 2024**

For additional questions, please contact:

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# The Brady and W.K. Boyd Conservation Scholarship Application Guidelines

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**Please read the following guidelines carefully and ensure that all documents are included. Incomplete applications will be automatically eliminated.**

- **APPLICATION**

Applicants must submit their own application. We will not accept applications sent by family members or third parties. Please clearly label the subject of each PDF file with your last name and application component (for example: **Smith\_LetterofRec.PDF**) If feasible, please include one complete PDF file of all application files. **Submit the one-page application form only, do not include the Guidelines.**

- **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Your letter of recommendation should be on an **official letterhead and specific to this scholarship, dated, signed, and include the telephone and email address of the person providing the recommendation.**

- **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Your Personal Statement should include a header with your name and the date.

- **TRANSCRIPTS**

Official high school transcript (only required if fewer than 24 college/university credit hours completed). Unofficial or Official College/University transcript (from all schools attended). You as the applicant are responsible for obtaining your transcripts and submitting them with the application.

Please do not send transcripts prior to the full application being submitted.

**Note: If you are selected as a finalist, you will be required to submit an official transcript prior to the award being made and a final report.**

- **SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

If practical, send one PDF document (excluding the TPWF Overview), in the following order:

1. Application Form, **(FORM ONLY)**
2. Letter of Recommendation
3. Personal Statement
4. Transcripts

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