

The Brady and W.K. Boyd Conservation Scholarship







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

For more than 30 years, TPWF has played a leading role in Texas conservation, helping permanently protect more than 215,000 acres (an area larger than some countries) and enhance and expand the Texas State Parks system through land acquisition and the creation of new parks (like Palo Pinto Mountains State Park, opening in 2025). TPWF works to restore and conserve fragile ecosystems, including over 110,000 acres of native grassland habitat and more than 7,100 acres of coastal barrier along Matagorda Peninsula. Our vision is for all Texans to have access to the wild things and wild places in our state, both now and for generations to come.

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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

- 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

- 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 (Refer to detailed instructions in the link below to complete your application)

- Online application here <u>Brady and W.K. Boyd Application Link</u>
- 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)

Application Deadline

The deadline for completed application submissions is 11:59 pm Monday, June 9, 2025. Applicants will be notified of scholarship awards by Friday, August 1, 2025.

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