

The Women in Conservation Science 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 Women in Conservation Science Scholarship Fund advances conservation by encouraging and supporting female undergraduate and graduate students pursuing studies related to natural resource conservation. Thanks to the generosity of its benefactors, the Women in Conservation Science Scholarship will help ensure that women are on the forefront of fields dedicated to stewarding, conserving, and protecting the natural resources that Texans rely on and enjoy. The scholarship is open to female students who are interested in a career in the fields of range science, forestry, biology, botany, earth science, wildlife management, and other majors related to conservation science.

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 female students pursuing a graduate or undergraduate degree in range science, forestry, biology, botany, earth science, wildlife management, or a related field, with plans to pursue a career in conservation. (Note: Incoming Freshmen are not eligible for this scholarship).
- Current full-time student at an accredited college or university in Texas
- Undergraduate students must have completed a minimum of 60 semester hours of study by the application deadline of 6/9/2025.
- Current cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Preference will be given to students who hold part-time jobs while attending school; please submit proof of employment with your application.

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

- Online application here <u>Women in Conservation Science Scholarship Application</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.

If you have further questions, contact Kate Potts, Office Manager

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