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### **Texas Big Game Awards 2015-2016 College Scholarship Applications Now Available**

San Antonio – Applications are now available for the 15th Annual Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) Wildlife Conservation College Scholarship Program, sponsored by Carter's Country Outdoor Stores and the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of Texas. \$15,000 will be awarded in college scholarships for the 2015-2016 school year.

All applicants for the TBGA scholarship program must be agriculture and/or natural resource-related majors. A \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded in each of the eight TBGA Regions, and the overall top scholarship applicant will receive a \$3,000 college scholarship.

Any entering college freshman (graduating high school senior), or entering college sophomore, or entering college junior is eligible to apply for one of the available scholarships. The scholarship applications will be reviewed and ranked by a statewide scoring committee using set criteria. Applicants do not have to participate in the TBGA to be eligible for the scholarships.

To download the application, please visit [www.TexasBigGameAwards.org/scholarships.php](http://www.TexasBigGameAwards.org/scholarships.php) and all applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2015.

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About the TBGA: Celebrating its 24<sup>th</sup> year, the Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA), a partnership of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA), continues to be the leader in recognizing the contributions that landowners, land managers and responsible hunters make to managing and conserving wildlife and wildlife habitat on Texas' private lands. The Texas Big Game Awards program is designed to recognize 1) the quality of big game animals in Texas, 2) the hunters who harvest these animals, 3) the land managers who produce these animals through their management efforts, 4) the importance of our hunting heritage, and 5) the achievements of young and new hunters. For more information on the program visit [www.TexasBigGameAwards.org](http://www.TexasBigGameAwards.org) or call (800) TEX-WILD.

**2015**  
**Texas Big Game Awards**  
**Wildlife Conservation College Scholarship**  
**Application Form**

**Please type or print clearly**

**Applicant's Information**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Completed)  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Use Only: \_\_\_\_\_  
TBGA Region  
Year Graduated High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_  
(For letter salutation purposes only.)

**Educational Data**

Have you ever been awarded a scholarship?  
(If yes, then what scholarship(s) have you received?)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Field of study you plan to major in (must be an agriculture and/or natural resource related field):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_  
(G.P.A.) (A=4.0)

- **College students must submit an official college transcript and two letters of recommendation.**
- **High school graduates must submit an official high school transcript with class rank posted, and two letters of recommendation.**

**Activities and Achievements**

Have you ever participated in the Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) program?  
(If yes, then what year, what type of award did you receive, and what region.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities: (Attach an additional page if necessary)

Honors and Awards (attached additional sheet if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

### Short Essay - 500 words or less per question

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer **BOTH** of the following questions. Please limit your responses to one page or less per question:

1. What is the Texas Big Game Awards and why is it important?
2. What is the purpose of scoring antlers/horns?

### Certification

I hereby certify that all information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby give permission to the TBGA Selection Committee to share this information for the purpose of review, recruitment, and public relations. I also authorize the Texas Wildlife Association to publish my short essays as desired.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* For additional information please visit our website at [www.TexasBigGameAwards.org](http://www.TexasBigGameAwards.org)

\*\*\* Applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2015.

\*\*\* For other information, please call (800) 839-9453, or  
Email us at: [kstarr@texas-wildlife.org](mailto:kstarr@texas-wildlife.org)

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