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Texas Big Game Awards Entry Deadline is Friday, February 15

Hunters and landowners wishing to be recognized by the Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) for the 2012-2013 hunting season need to submit their entry forms by the end of this week. For additional information on the program or to find a scorer near you, visit <http://TexasBigGameAwards.org>

Hunters who harvested a white-tailed deer, mule deer, javelina, or pronghorn antelope this season meeting the minimum net score requirements for their respective Region may be eligible to receive recognition in the “Scored Entry” category, as well as the landowner of the property from which the trophy was taken. Also, hunters harvesting a bighorn sheep during the current season are eligible for recognition through the program, regardless of score.

Hunters of any age who harvest their first big game animal in Texas are eligible for the “First Big Game Harvest” category, and any youth hunter (hunting under a valid youth hunting license) who harvests a native big game animal during the current season is eligible for Youth Division recognition. White-tailed deer, mule deer, javelina, pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep are eligible for these two categories, regardless of sex or score of the animal.

The purpose of the TBGA is to promote awareness about wildlife management and the role that ethical hunting plays in habitat conservation and to foster cooperation among stakeholders who ensure that our state's wildlife habitat is conserved forever. The program awards and recognizes those individuals who harvest quality big game animals in Texas, the land managers who produce these animals, the importance of our hunting heritage, and the achievement of young and first-time hunters. There are no entry fees, and the deadline to enter is **February 15, 2013.**