



The Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) is a partnership of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA). The purpose of the TBGA is to make everyone aware of the important role ethical hunting and habitat management play in the lives of our young people, and to the ecosystem over which we must be responsible stewards.

To do that, the TBGA's objectives are to recognize:

1. The importance of our hunting heritage.
2. The landowners who work to achieve healthy habitats.
3. The quality of big game animals in Texas.
4. The achievements of young and new hunters.
5. The hunters who harvest these animals.

Awards are given in four different categories, Scored Entry, First Harvest, Youth Division and Landowner.

Scored Entry

Hunters who harvest a white-tailed deer, mule deer, pronghorn antelope, javelina, or desert bighorn sheep this season, meeting the minimum net Boone and Crockett score requirements for their respective Region may be eligible to receive recognition in the Scored Entry category. To enter in the Scored Entry division you must contact a certified scorer to score your animal and give you a signed scoresheet. A list of scorers can be found on our website www.texasbiggameawards.org.

First Big Game Harvest

Any hunter, regardless of age, who harvests his/her **first lifetime big game animal in Texas** during the current year's hunting season is eligible for recognition. This is a non-scored category and any white-tailed deer, mule deer, javelina, bighorn sheep or pronghorn antelope is eligible regardless of the animal's sex or score. The animal must have been wild-raised. Animals that were born or bred in captivity and subsequently released into the wild are not eligible; the animal must not have been trapped and/or released at any time during its life.

Youth Division

Any youth hunter, under 17 years of age when they purchase their hunting license, with a Youth Hunting License (license type 169) is eligible. This is a non-scored category and any white-tailed deer, mule deer, javelina, bighorn sheep or pronghorn antelope is eligible regardless of the animal's sex or score. The animal must have been wild-raised. Animals that were born or bred in captivity and subsequently released into the wild are not eligible; animals must not have been trapped and/or released at any time during its life.

Landowners/Ranches

Any ranch in the state of Texas is eligible for program recognition if an animal harvested on that ranch is entered into the Scored Category, First Harvest, or Youth Division. Ranch recognition is optional at the landowner's discretion.

TBGA is a free program and there are no entry fees to participate. Entry forms are due by March 1st each year.

For a complete list of all rules and regulations within the TBGA, to find a scorer or to download a First Harvest or Youth Division entry form please visit www.TexasBigGameAwards.org

