



THE TEXAS GAME WARDEN ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Texas Game Warden Association Scholarship fund was established by the members and associate members of the TGWA at Kerrville, Texas in 1984. The purpose of the scholarship was to assist students in earning an advanced education who otherwise might not be able to afford this education. The Texas Game Warden Association is proud to award scholarships to outstanding students from a wide range of backgrounds including both children of Texas Game Wardens and members of the public who demonstrate academic achievement, community involvement, and strong potential for future success. Special consideration is given to applicants whose family members served as a Texas Game Warden. Scholarships may be used at any accredited college or university in the United States. Applicants must be graduating seniors or past graduates of a high school in the State of Texas, and must be United States citizens or documented legal residents of the United States.

The TGWA Scholarship will be administered under the general supervision of the scholarship committee. The five members of this committee will be appointed by the President of the TGWA from current members, either voting, non-voting or associate. This committee is responsible for advertising and interpreting the scholarship to applicants, receiving and evaluating applications, and recommending to the TGWA Board of Directors the recipient of the annual scholarship. Procedures and policies for the administration of the TGWA scholarship are established and may be altered by the Board of Directors of the TGWA.

One new scholarship will be awarded each spring, unless there are no applications submitted within the requirements. Each individual scholarship is intended to be not more than \$6,800.00, payable in one \$850.00 payment for each of four consecutive spring semesters, and one \$850.00 payment for each of four consecutive fall semesters. Scholarships are issued in the name of the academic institution that is provided by the scholarship recipient. The individual holding the scholarship will be evaluated at the end of each of these semesters to determine whether or not he or she is eligible to continue receiving the scholarship for the next semester.

Summer semester hours are eligible for scholarship assistance with prior approval of the Board/Committee. The portion of the total \$6,800.00 scholarship used in this way shall be deducted from the end. No international studies will be funded through this scholarship program.

The funds will be sent directly to the Financial Aid Office of the Texas college or university of choice before registration for the particular semester. These funds are intended to help offset registration fees, tuition, books, and any other fees normally associated with college attendance.

Criteria for selection of individuals awarded this scholarship shall include financial need, academic excellence, personal accomplishments, participation in such activities as school, church, and community affairs, and intended field of study. Honesty, character, morals, trustworthiness, and adherence to the laws of Texas and the United States may also be used in the selection of recipients and determination for continuing the scholarship. Applicants must be United States citizens or documented legal residents of the United States.

Individuals selected for this scholarship must pursue a curriculum leading to either an Associate or Bachelor Degree from an accredited college or university in the United States. In order to be eligible to continue to receive this scholarship for the next eligible semester, the recipient must have passed a minimum of 12 semester hours with a GPA of at least 2.8 in the previous semester.

Missed semesters due to extenuating circumstances will be evaluated for continuing eligibility by the Board/Committee on a case-by-case basis.

In addition to the basic requirements of application for the scholarship, the following items must appear in the application, the absence of anyone resulting in the ineligibility of the applicant. All applicants must:

1. Provide a letter of acceptance/admission to a Texas college, university, or junior college accredited by the State of Texas.
2. Submit an "Official Sealed" full high school/college transcript showing the applicants rank in the graduating class and SAT scores or the equivalent.
3. Submit a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR), request for financial assistance, showing Pell Grant Index (PGI) and Family Contribution (FC). This request for financial assistance (available from high school/college counselors) should be made no later than January 1 to assure return before the TGWA deadline of February 1st.
4. Be enrolled in or plan to enroll in a minimum of twelve (12) semester hours and maintain the minimum standard of study.
5. Maintain a minimum of 2.8 GPA each semester.
6. Complete and sign the TGWA scholarship application and return it to the TGWA by February 1 preceding the school year being applied for.
7. Submit a resume or informal letter stating why you feel you should be selected for a scholarship.
8. Submit a minimum of three sealed original letters of reference from persons other than relatives of the applicant, no more than one of which shall be from an academic source (teacher, counselor, etc.)
9. Sign a release of transcript to the TGWA.
10. Be a high school graduate or equivalent. Please be sure to complete all sections of the Scholarship Application and Financial Information Form, and submit all necessary documentation as requested. This will insure proper consideration of your application without unnecessary delay. All eligible applicants will be notified by a representative of the TGWA Scholarship Committee regarding their selection of the recipient of the scholarship for which they have applied.
11. Copies of SAT or ACT scores.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS TO THE TGWA OFFICE:

Texas Game Warden Association
4367 FM 1047
Hamilton, TX 76531

Should you have any questions, please call the TGWA office (325) 948-3021

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Scholarship Application and Financial

Information Form

1. **Applicant Name:** _____

Last

First

Middle

2. **Permanent Mailing Address:** _____

3. **SSN#** _____ **DOB** _____ **Telephone** _____

4. **State of Legal Residence** _____ **Date began Living in the state** _____

5. **Are you a U.S. Citizen?** _____ **Length of residence at above address** _____

6. **Place of birth** _____ **Driver's License#** _____ **State** _____

7. **Parent/Guardian Information**

Father's name & address: _____

Mother's name & address: _____

Guardian's name & address: _____

8. **Father's Occupation:** _____

Employed by: _____

Position Held: _____

9. **Mother's Occupation:** _____

Employed by: _____

Position Held: _____

10. **Breakdown of Income**

a. **Wages, salaries, tips-father or stepfather** \$ _____

b. **Wages, salaries, tips-mother or stepmother** \$ _____

c. Interest Income \$ _____

d. Dividends after IRS exclusion \$ _____

e. Net Income (or loss) from business, farm rentals, royalties,
partnerships, estates, trusts, etc. \$ _____

f. If a loss, enter in (parentheses) \$ _____

g. Adjustments to income including IRA/Keogh
payments and working couple deduction. (Give
only IRS
allowable amounts) \$ _____

h. Total (add (+) A through F minus (-) G \$ _____

Total Income \$ _____

11. Were you claimed as an I.R.S. exemption by your parents last year? _____

12. Will you be claimed as an I.R.S. exemption this year? _____

13. Was our total income and benefits from last year less than \$4,000.00? _____

14. Number of family members (total number of people that your parents will
support, yourself as a student, and other dependent children). _____

15. Number of college students in the coming year (include the student applying for
scholarship)

Name _____ Relationship _____

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(continue on back if needed)

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED PARENTS

16. Divorced _____ Legally Separated _____ Separated _____

Other parent's name _____

Home Address _____

Occupation/Title/Rank _____

Employer _____

According to court order, when will support end _____

Amount of child support for student _____

17. The student is: unmarried ___ married ___ divorced or widowed ___ separated

18. U.S. Armed Forces Veteran: yes ___ no

19. Legal dependents (other than spouse) ___ Give first names _____

20. A. Student's taxable Income:

Last year \$ _____ Projected this year \$ _____

B. Spouse's taxable income:

Last year \$ _____ Projected this year \$ _____

21. Student's G.I. Bill ad dependents Educational Assistance Benefits _____

22. Other income and benefits (student and spouse) _____

23. Will the student's spouse be attending college at least halftime? Yes ___ No ___ Student unmarried _____

24. Number of people that (you) or (you and your spouse) will support during school year _____

25. Will you be living: home ___ off campus ___ on campus ___ other ___

Certification: ALL OF THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. IF ASKED BY AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL, I AGREE TO GIVE PROOF OF THE INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN ON THIS FORM. I REALIZE, THIS PROOF MAY INCLUDE A COPY OF MY U.S. STATE OR LOCAL INCOME TAX RETURNS. I ALSO REALIZE THAT IF I DON'T GIVE PROOF WHEN ASKED, THE STUDENT MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP.

Students Signature and Date

Students Spouse Signature and Date

Mothers Signature and Date

Fathers Signature and Date

Applicant's Declaration and Authorization

Please be sure to complete all sections of the Scholarship Application and Financial Information Form. This will insure proper consideration of your application without unnecessary delay.

I hereby declare that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Financial Aid Office to release any information concerning my records to the TGWA scholarship committee and office.

Signature of Applicant

Date