

**GRADUATE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION**

**SECTION A.** (Please type application.)

1. Last Name: First Name: MI:

2. Mailing Address: City: State/Zip:

3. Hometown:

4. Email address(es):

5. Completion date of M.S., M.Ag, or Ph.D requirements and/or graduation date:

6. College grade point average (GPA) on a 4-point scale:

7. Please send an image of yourself in the event that you are selected to receive a scholarship; this photograph may be used at the awards banquet.

**SECTION B.** (Please use as much space as necessary.)

List professional and scientific organizations/activities in which you have been involved and length of involvement. Describe your level of involvement with the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society and include any offices you have held or committees served on.

List fellowships, scholarships, and awards that you have received.

List technical and non-technical publications that you have authored or co-authored, and/or symposia at which you have presented.

List work experience, volunteer positions and/or internships that you have held since beginning college-level studies (please limit to natural resource related fields).

Estimate the percentage of graduate level educational expenses currently not provided through research stipends: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

Describe your long-term goals and reasons for pursuing a graduate level degree in natural resource conservation.

**ESSAY QUESTION(S):** Mountain lions are listed as a nongame species in Texas with no restriction on the number, season, or method of harvest. All other states with resident mountain lion populations provide regulated management of the species. Develop a Point/Counterpoint Essay detailing the challenges and opportunities of changing the classification of mountain lions in Texas to a regulated game species.  When developing your essay you may consider some or all of the following: species population dynamics, human dimensions involving landowners and managers as well as the general public, and regulation, enforcement, and legislative issues.

**SECTION C:** (Please attach the following after the application and convert all materials to pdf.)

1. Graduate research proposal synopsis (≤300 words), 2) letter of recommendation, and 3) copy of college transcript(s).

**PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

*I, , hereby declare my intention to participate in the Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society as a volunteer in a chapter function or provide coaching, mentoring or training to other students within 12 months of obtaining this scholarship.*

Signature: Date:

Faculty Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:

Faculty Advisor Printed Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Due January 31, 2024**

**Send the Completed Application to daniel.price@tctws.org and cody.samek@tctws.org**