

**UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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

1. Last Name: First Name: MI:

1. Mailing Address: City: State/Zip:
2. Email Address(es):
3. Hometown:

5. Classification (**Please Circle):**  Sophomore Junior Senior

6. Completion of B.S. requirements or graduation date:

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

8. 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.)

Describe your goals and reasons for pursuing a career in wildlife science.

List professional, scientific, and honor societies in which you are involved, and activities associated with each, including length of involvement.

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

List work experience, volunteer positions or internships that you have held since beginning college-level studies.

Please outline the personal qualities that you possess which should be considered in evaluating this application.

**ESSAY QUESTION(S)**: Small-acreage landowners are a growing demographic in Texas. Texas is experiencing dramatic population growth, along with an increase in the number of working land holdings and a concurrent decrease in average land ownership size. What that boils down to is more people owning larger numbers of smaller land parcels. That trend only stands to gain momentum as the state braces for the largest intergenerational transfer of land in its history. As large landholdings are broken into smaller ones, contiguous sections of habitat may be fragmented into smaller, non-contiguous sections. Describe the challenges of land fragmentation from both the habitat and wildlife population perspectives. How might natural resource agencies and non-profits mitigate or buffer the effects of current fragmentation trends? Finally, to what degree might the effects of fragmentation be lessened through landowner awareness?

**SECTION C:** (Please attach your college transcript(s) after the application and convert all materials to pdf.)

**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**