

# TWAF and S.A.L.E. Scholarship Recipients

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Anita Hoskins lines up another great wildlife shot.

**T**exas wildlife has a bright future. Many of the state's universities are training exceptional young people to help ensure the land, water and wildlife resources are managed in a way that will allow them to continue to be one of our state's greatest assets. The Texas Wildlife Association Foundation (TWAF) and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition (S.A.L.E.) generously support the educational success of some of these young people through scholarships.

This year, five college freshmen in Texas were each awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to assist them in reaching their educational goals. Scholarship recipients included:

- Lanham Brown of Throckmorton who attends Texas Tech University and majors in Animal Science, Natural Resources;

- Colby Chapman of Hico who attends Tarleton State University and majors in Wildlife, Sustainability, and Ecosystem Sciences and Rangeland Ecology;
- Anita Hoskins of Sweetwater who attends Texas A&M University and majors in Wildlife and Fisheries Science;
- Cody May of Crowley who attends Texas A&M University and majors in Rangeland Ecology and Management with an emphasis on Ranch Management; and,
- Tristan Summy of La Vernia who attends Texas A&M University-Kingsville and majors in Range and Wildlife Management.

Anita Hoskins wrote: "The TWAF scholarship has helped me to pursue a degree in wildlife and fisheries sciences at Texas A&M University. By lightening the burden of tuition, I will be able to commit myself to more research of native Texas species. From white-tailed deer to horned lizards, I've always been passionate about wildlife and hope to play a role in management and education upon completion of my degree.

"Additionally, the scholarship has allowed me to pursue jobs in land management and wildlife photography. Having experience in species and habitat management will be extremely important to my career, and through wildlife photography I can share these experiences with the public. I am especially grateful for all the opportunities that the TWAF scholarship has provided for me, and I hope to be able to contribute to the scholarship fund one day for the next generation."

Colby Chapman is using his scholarship to learn about healthier methods of land stewardship.

"My dad taught me from an early age that if you are good to your animals, your animals will be good to you," he said. "Land stewardship is the same concept. If you take care of your land, the land will produce more; therefore, it will take care of you. Stewardship of land is the greatest gift that can be given to present and future generations."

Cody May spends much of his time giving back to his community.

"At Texas A&M University, I enjoy being a member of the Wildlife Society, Aggies for Christ and the Aggie Archers," he said. "In high school I was involved in FFA,





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Colby Chapman teaches an after-school plant identification class.

and I really enjoy giving back to that organization. I currently volunteer at as many local and state FFA events as I can.

“This summer I am working again as the Texas FFA Foundation Ambassador Coordinator, where I am in charge of overseeing approximately 60 high school FFA members from around the

state who serve as ambassadors to the many generous Texas FFA corporate sponsors.”

Texas Wildlife Association members along with TWAF and S.A.L.E. supporters are making a difference in young peoples’ lives and Texas’ future. 🌿



**OLIVIA SANCHEZ JOINS CL TEAM**

My name is Olivia Sanchez, and I am happy to serve the Texas Wildlife Association as its newest Conservation Legacy Program Assistant. I look forward to learning more about what it takes to educate Texas residents about the importance of wildlife and habitat conservation. I grew up on a ranch in South Texas just outside of San Antonio so I am familiar with what it means to be a steward of the land.

From early childhood until present, my dad taught me the importance of taking care of the land and wildlife. Hunting and fishing were fun activities and important tools that he used to teach me about conservation. Now I am able to

look back and see how his lessons shaped my perspectives, especially those concerning the outdoors.

I attended Huston-Tillotson University in Austin on a volleyball scholarship and three years later, I graduated with a degree in biology with a focus in environmental science. During my last year in college, I co-founded/chaired an environmental student group where I learned the profound importance of relating all the information I was learning to others. I am thrilled to be a part of TWA where I can do just that—meet people where they are to educate and empower them on the conservation issues.

