

...Texas Scholarships

Young Farmer & Rancher Scholarship

High School seniors interested in a future in agriculture are eligible. Each of TFB's 13 districts will award one \$1,000.

Memorial/Honorary and District Scholarships

In each of the 13 TFB districts, four students will be awarded \$1,500 scholarships. Three students from each district will also be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Young Farmer & Rancher Enrolled Scholarship

The YF&R Enrolled Scholarship is for students already in college. Applicants must have a minimum of 45 credit hours and a GPA of 2.5 or higher to qualify. Three \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded.

Student Teaching Award

Four senior Agriculture Education students will receive the Texas Farm Bureau Student Teaching Award each semester. The scholarships, valued at \$2,500, aims to help students cover expenses during their spring semester of off-campus student teaching. Students who will be student teaching off-campus in fall 2020 or spring 2021 are encouraged to apply.

TSTC Scholarships

TFB has made scholarship funds available for first-year and enrolled students attending Texas State Technical College (TSTC). Fifty \$1,000 scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis through the Texan Success Scholarship. There are also five \$1,000 scholarships for TFB members entering their second year at TSTC. Another \$5,000 is available through the "helping hands" scholarship, which is meant to help students with unexpected costs that are not usually covered by traditional scholarships.

SM True Jr Agriculture Scholar Award

To acknowledge former TFB President SM True Jr, a \$20,000 scholarship was established for college students with at least 60 hours of college credit and declared agriculture as their major. Applicants must submit a completed application and two letters of recommendation - one from the county Farm Bureau president and one from the dean or head of the agriculture department of the applicant's college or university. Students are encouraged to apply at the end of their sophomore year for TFB's most prestigious scholarship.

TPWD seeks input on hunting regulations

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is accepting public comment on proposed changes to hunting regulations for 2020-2021.

The proposed changes for hunting regulations include amending definitions, application requirements and conditions for pronghorn and antlerless mule deer permits and specifying season dates and bag limits for the 2020-2021 migratory game bird seasons.

TPWD will take public comment on the following

proposed changes to the 2020-2021 Statewide Recreational Hunting Proclamation, with input to be considered before any action by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at its March 26 public hearing:

Implement rules to administer an automated process for the application and issuance of pronghorn and antlerless mule deer permits.

Establish seasons and bag limits for the take of migratory game birds for 2020-2021

Decrease the daily bag limit for scaup from three to one in all zones.

Decrease the daily bag limit for light goose daily bag limit from 20 to 10 during the regular season in both zones.

Shift goose seasons and light goose conservation season in the Western Zone one week later than in previous years.

Shift snipe hunting season dates two weeks later than in previous years.

Once the proposed regulations are published in the Texas Register, comments on the changes can be provided on the TPWD public comment page until March 25.

Comments can also be submitted in writing and mailed to TPWD, attn. Hunting Regulations Public Comment, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744.

Comments on the proposed pronghorn and antlerless mule deer permit changes may be submitted to Mitch Lockwood at 830.792.9677 or

mitch.lockwood@tpwd.texas.gov. Comments on the proposed migratory game bird changes may be submitted to Shaun Oldenburger at 512.389.4778 or shaun.oldenburger@tpwd.texas.gov.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission will take public comment on the proposed changes at its meeting on Thursday, March 26, in Austin. Public testimony will normally be limited to three minutes per person.

Register for Young Farmer & Rancher Conference

by Julie Tomascik
TFB Editor

Registration is underway for Texas Farm Bureau's (TFB) Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) Conference and Collegiate Discussion Meet.

The conference is designed to equip young leaders in agriculture with the tools needed to increase their agricultural advocacy efforts and help with farm and ranch decisions.

The event is set for April 3-5 at the Austin Marriott North hotel in Round Rock.

"This conference is for any young farmer and rancher across the state," Jesse Wieners, TFB's YF&R Advisory Committee chair, said. "There will be many opportunities for networking and learning from others in agriculture."

The conference will feature a

variety of speakers addressing current issues impacting the next generation of Texas farmers and ranchers.

Conference attendees will hear from keynote speakers and participate in breakout sessions.

"After previous conferences, we've had farmers and ranchers who have taken information back to their CPAs and their family businesses to help them be more successful," Wieners said. "Each year, there's information to learn and take back home to implement on our farms and ranches."

The conference will also feature the Collegiate Discussion Meet, which is a round-table discussion of agricultural topics.

To participate, contestants must be between the ages of 18 and 35, must have an interest in agriculture and be pursuing an undergraduate degree in

agriculture or an agriculture-related field.

"This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to be involved in agriculture, whether that's production agriculture, agricultural communications or another agribusiness," Wieners said. "Participants develop public speaking skills and grow their knowledge of real issues affecting agriculture right now."

The winner will take home a \$2,000 cash award and will receive expense-paid trips to the TFB Annual Meeting in December and the American Farm Bureau Collegiate Discussion Meet in February 2021.

The runner-up will receive a \$500 cash prize and an expense-paid trip to the TFB Annual Meeting. The remaining finalists will each receive \$500.

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The Colorado River Municipal Water District is accepting applications for following position:

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