



**TEXAS AQUATIC PLANT
MANAGEMENT SOCIETY 2026
DAVID ALLEN BASS SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS**

About the Chapter

TAPMS focuses on the environmental stewardship of aquatic plant communities by promoting all aspects of aquatic vegetation management and the preservation of natural aquatic environments, including the control of nuisance and invasive aquatic plant species, the conservation and propagation of native aquatic plant species, research, and outreach.

Student Scholarship Award Criteria

TAPMS is seeking deserving college students enrolled in relevant academic programs in Texas.

The 2026 David Allen Bass Scholarship is a \$1,500 award to be presented at the TAPMS banquet on November 10th, 2026, in Athens, Texas; applicants are strongly encouraged to attend. Scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence, professional and extracurricular activities, career goals, and contributions to aquatic plant science and management, or to the TAPMS focus in the fields of biology and ecology. **Applicants must be current students at the time of the scholarship award (November 2026) and be registered for the 2026 conference to apply for a scholarship;** presentation is preferred but not required.

Scholarship applications must be received by October 15, 2026, and should be submitted via email to txapms@gmail.com. Please prepare your application as a PDF or Microsoft Word document in the following format (incomplete applications will not be considered):

1. Applicant information:
 - Name, mailing address, phone number, and email
 - Degree/classification (i.e., Undergraduate, Master's program, Ph.D. program), institution, department, expected graduation date, current GPA
2. Documentation of registration for the 2026 TAPMS conference
3. Provide a statement of your future career goals and motivations for pursuing a career in this field (e.g., aquatic plant science/management, aquatic ecology, or other biology/ecology relevant to TAPMS focus)
4. List honors, fellowships, and scholarships you have received, publications, and professional society memberships, as applicable.
5. Describe relevant professional or extracurricular activities.
6. Describe your work experience since beginning college-level studies; please include all experience, even if not directly related to this field.
7. Provide at least one academic or professional reference: include name, institution, department, phone number, email, and their role (e.g., major professor, internship/job supervisor).