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Savannah Christine Butters of Harlingen, Texas, is a senior pursuing a Business Management degree with a minor in Poultry Science (3.58 GPA). She is currently the Commanding Officer of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Marksmanship Unit (The first female Commander of the unit). Savannah was awarded High Lady in 2016, 2017, and 2018 at the Military College Combat Shooting Championship and Sig Sauer Relentless Warrior Championship against the U.S. Service Academies and Senior Military Academies. She also competes in the Scholastic Action Shooting Program, USPSA, 3-Gun and Carbine-style competitions. She works part time at Texas A&M as a Student Assistant and is an avid marksman and hunter. After graduation she plans to work for an agriculture, farming, or ranching company.



A major goal of the Texas State Rifle Association is to encourage and support shooting programs for Texas Youth. Our future depends on helping these youth to become knowledgeable adults and Leaders that support 2nd Amendment programs and activities. To support these Youth Programs, the TSRA Foundation was created. This allows individuals, companies & corporations, shooting clubs and other entities to make tax-free donations to support Youth Shooting Programs in Texas. In addition to helping and supporting Junior Programs, the TSRA Foundation also provides Scholarship funds to support the educational endeavors for deserving juniors, that will eventually be our leaders in the state and nation.

TSRA has two separate Scholarship programs, the TSRA George E. Tubb Memorial Scholarship fund operated through the Texas A&M University Foundation for TAMU students, and beginning 4 years ago, the Texas State Rifle Association Foundation endowed Scholarship Fund operated and supported by donations to the TSRA Foundation.

TSRA GEORGE E TUBB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

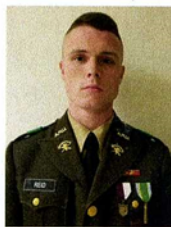
TSRA initiated the George Tubb Scholarship Program in 1999 at Texas A&M University (TAMU) in memory of TSRA Past-President George E. Tubb (TAMU class of 1945). The TSRA board contributed \$5,000 to start the endowed fund at TAMU and many TSRA members contributed. The funds are managed and invested by the TAMU Foundation. The TSRA Scholarship Committee requests scholarship applications, evaluates applicants, and selects scholarship recipients to receive Tubb scholarship funding at TAMU.

The first Tubb Scholarship was awarded when the endowed fund reached a balance of \$25,000. The fund did not really start growing until our legislative directors (Doc Brown and Alice Tripp) got the Texas Legislature to approve legislation that directed TSRA custom license plate proceeds to go to two places, one-half to the Tubb Endowed Scholarship fund at TAMU and one-half to the Texas 4-H shooting program. The endowed Tubb scholarship fund at the TAMU Foundation has now grown to more than \$155,000 and TSRA normally awards three or four \$2,000 George Tubb Memorial Scholarships each year to Texas A&M University (TAMU) students. This has been a very successful scholarship program.

For the 2018-2019 school year at TAMU, the TSRA Scholarship Committee has awarded \$2,000 Tubb Scholarships to:



Meagan Elizabeth Harrington is from Corpus Christi, Texas. She is a sophomore at Texas A&M University majoring in Biomedical Sciences. She is the 7-time Texas 4-H Ladies State Shotgun Champion, an event strongly supported by the TSRA. This was her first year to compete in ACUI, the collegiate level of shotgun competition, where she took home Ladies High Over All in Skeet (100/100) and Ladies High Over All in Super Sporting (97/100) at the ACUI Collegiate Championships while representing Texas A&M. She will also serve as the Vice President for the Texas A&M Trap and Skeet Team for the upcoming year. Meagan was named to the NRA All-American Team. She currently works in the Stable Isotopes Laboratory at Texas A&M and plans to go on to medical school after obtaining her undergraduate degree.



Bradley Reid of Burleson, Texas, is a Sophomore majoring in Electrical Engineering at Texas A&M University. Bradley is a member of the Corps of Cadets and a Marine Option NROTC Midshipman. Upon graduating from Texas A&M, he plans to pursue a career in aviation in the Marine Corps. He is a member of the Corps of Cadets Marksmanship Unit and competes in SASP, 3-gun, and Run and Gun competitions. Bradley states he is a lifelong shooter and hunter.



Thomas Aubrey Doering of Georgetown, TX. Thomas is a junior pursuing a Business Management degree at Texas A&M University with a directed track in Entrepreneurial Leadership, as well serving as the Executive Officer of the Corps of Cadets Marksmanship Unit. He has had the privilege to compete in SASP, USPSA, and 3-Gun competitions all across Texas. Having competed against U.S. Service academies, Thomas loves the competitive aspect of the shooting sport, and strives to better himself at every practice. He credits his success in the Marksmanship Unit to his coach, his fellow teammates, and the TSRA for his continuing education.

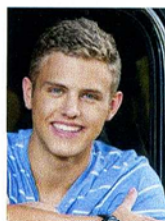
TSRA FOUNDATION (TSRAF) WILLIAM T. CLARKE JR SCHOLARSHIPS; THE PAUL BARTLETT SCHOLARSHIP; AND THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED "SPORTSMAN'S" SCHOLARSHIPS

With a limiting factor of the George Tubb Scholarships only being awarded to students at Texas A&M University, College Station TX, the TSRA Foundation has established the Texas State Rifle Association Foundation (TSRAF) Endowed Scholarship Fund. The TSRA Foundation, beginning in 2015-16, has established Scholarships to be funded at any Texas college or university. These scholarships are open to Texas residents (graduating high school seniors or current university students), who must be a TSRA member, have a shooting background, and maintain a grade point average of 2.75 or greater at their selected Texas college or university. Currently, three William T. Clarke Jr Scholarships are funded at \$2,000 per year and the Paul Bartlett Scholarship, established in 2017 in memory of the TSRA Past-President, is funded at \$1,000 per year. The TSRA Foundation awarded two new "Sportsman's" Scholarships for \$2,000 in 2018-2019 that are funded by a very generous anonymous donor for use at their selected Texas college or university. These scholarships are provided to students majoring in programs that enhance hunting, firearm safety, wildlife management and wildlife conservation.

William T. Clarke 2018-2019 TSRAF Scholarship recipients are:



Rachel Garner is from Celina, Texas. Rachel is a Senior at TCU majoring in nursing with a minor in Spanish and competes on the top ranked TCU Rifle Team and is a recipient of the TCU Dean's Academic Scholarship. She has been named an ALL-AMERICAN the past 3 years and was named the TCU's Pop Boone Female Athlete of the year in 2017-2018. Rachel won second place in air rifle in the 2017-18 Patriot Rifle Conference Championships. The TCU Rifle Team won the 2017-18 Patriot Rifle Conference Championships and placed 3rd at the NCAA Championships.



Cade Ingram of Conroe, Texas is a sophomore Ocean and Coastal Resources major at Texas A&M University Galveston (TAMUG) where he has earned a spot on the Dean's List his previous two semesters. His degree plan includes a fifth year that will culminate in a Master of Marine Resource Management degree that he is currently on track to complete in only four years. Cade has written a constitution and bylaws and has secured a faculty advisor for the creation of the Sea Aggie Shooting Sports Club that will initially include shotgun, rifle, and pistol. Membership recruitment will occur during the spring semester. Although he hasn't had an official team, Cade continues to compete at ACUI Collegiate Clay Target events at the regional and national level.



Kristen Hemphill is from Lohn, Texas. Kristen is a freshman at TCU majoring in Nursing. She is a member of the top-ranked TCU Women's Rifle Team. She is also the recipient of the TCU Faculty Academic Scholarship. She has won several national shooting titles including the 2016 4-H National 3-Position Championship in Grand Island, Nebraska, the 2018 Army Marksmanship Unit Junior smallbore National Championship in Fort Benning, Georgia, and the 2017 CMP National Team Championship in Camp Perry, Ohio. She currently holds the CMP national record for standing position with a 200-19x. She is a 3-time Texas 4-H smallbore champion and has qualified for the U.S. National Junior Olympics for the past 3 years in both smallbore and air rifle. She was named to the 2018 Eley High School All-American smallbore and air rifle team. In September she represented the United States on the Junior World Team at the World Championships in Changwon, South Korea. Her team brought home the silver medal in 3-position smallbore.

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Paul Bartlett 2018-2019 TSRAF Scholarship recipient is:



Collin Thomson of Lake Jackson Texas, is a sophomore at Texas A&M University -Galveston (TAMUG), majoring in Maritime Transportation. He is in the Corps of Cadets. Collin shoots with the Greenwood Gun Club where Paul Bartlett ran matches and provided leadership for many years. He is a Master Class Highpower competitor. His goal after graduation includes working as a commercial ship Captain. This summer he continued his schooling completing a 60-day training cruise sailing aboard the TS Kennedy training ship; providing critical sea service required for his education and training. On weekends, Collin continues to help out during matches at the range, enjoying the continued comradery he had while he was on the Junior Highpower team. Collin would like to personally congratulate his former team, the TSRA JR highpower team, on their big win at Camp Perry this summer. He was saddened to have missed out of the matches, but is incredibly excited to see new shooters moving up and working hard to represent Texas at Nationals and prove Texans are a force to be reckoned with.

“Sportsman’s” TSRAF Scholarship recipients for 2018-2019 are:



Conner Reed Sumner of Tomball, Texas, is a senior at Texas A&M University – Kingsville (TAMUK) completing a degree in Range and Wildlife Management (4.0 GPA). Conner has participated with the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS), competing under his handle “The Gadsden Kid.” He grew up heavily involved with both 4-H and the Boy Scouts of America, where he received the rank of Eagle Scout. He currently holds officer positions at his college in both the Wildlife Society and the National Wild Turkey Federation chapters, which he uses to further his studies and teach others about the importance of wildlife management. Conner has recently completed an internship with Texas Game Wardens, which he seeks to pursue as a career after college.

Royce William Thomas Joe of Raymondville Texas, is a sophomore at Texas Tech University majoring in Agribusiness. Royce was raised on a cattle ranch and has hands on experience with conservation of the Texas Tortoise. He is a hunter and excellent Highpower rifle competitor as well as a steel plate and 22 precision pistol competitor. Royce won the TSRA Long-Range Championship High Junior Award in 2018.



Notes from the TSRA Scholarship Committee Chairman and TSRA Past-President, Ordie R. (Reggle) Jones:

For the 2019-2020 School year, TSRA and TSRAF available Scholarships and scholarship criteria and application forms will be posted to the TSRA.com website by April 1, 2019.

The TSRA Scholarship Committee administers the TAMU Tubb Scholarship Program and also assists the TSRA Foundation Board in soliciting scholarship applications and makes recommendations to the TSRAF Board on recipients to receive TSRA Foundation William T. Clarke, Jr., Paul Bartlett, and “Sportsman’s” Scholarships. TSRA Scholarship Committee members are Ordie R. Jones (Chairman), Arnold Granger (Vice-Chair), Gary Hassell, Scott Casey, and Guy Taylor.

I am asking TSRA members to support the Scholarship and Youth shooting programs of the Texas State Rifle Association Foundation. You can make Tax-Free donations to the TSRA Foundation because it is a 501-C-3 approved charitable organization.

Also, there is a special program available to us older folks age 70 ½ or older that allows us to take the mandatory withdrawals from our IRA’s without paying taxes on the money withdrawn. I have used this program the past several of years to donate to my Church and to the TSRA Foundation Scholarship program. The government approved program is called

Qualified Charitable Contributions (QCD). Checks from your IRA institution must be made out to the qualified charity and not to you. Otherwise the funds withdrawn are taxable. The Texas State Rifle Association Foundation is a qualified charity. QCD summary regulations are shown below:

Individuals age 70½ or over can exclude up to \$100,000 from gross income for donations paid directly to a **qualified charity** from their IRA. Key points about qualified charitable contributions (QCDs) include:

- The donation satisfies any IRA required minimum distributions for the year.
- Donations from an inherited IRA are eligible if the beneficiary is at least age 70 ½.
- Donations from a SEP or SIMPLE IRA aren’t eligible.
- Donations from a Roth IRA are eligible
- Married individuals filing a joint return may exclude up to \$100,000 donated to a qualified charity from each spouse’s own IRA (\$200,000 total)