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**TESA YOUTH ACTIVITIES
2008 Annual Report**

The following are the winners of the various TESA Youth Activities programs for 2007-2008.

Elks National Foundation Awards, Directed by Rob Weems:

Most Valuable Student Scholarships

Michael Dixon	Plano-Richardson Lodge #2485, \$1,000.00 x 4
Whitney Fang	Plano-Richardson Lodge #2485, \$1,000.00 x 4
Waylon Hastings	Kerrville Lodge #2081, \$1,000.00 x 4
Audrey Jones	Fort Worth Lodge #124, \$1,000.00 x 4
Trisha Mantri	Katy Lodge #2628, \$1,000.00 x 4
Shannon O'Brien	Dallas Lodge #71, \$1,000.00 x 4
Samuel Parnell	Conroe Lodge #2584, \$1,000.00 x 4
Austin Wilmot	Plano-Richardson Lodge #2485, 1,000 x 4

And the top male Winner in the entire Nation:

Donovan Barfield Beaumont #311, \$15,000 x 4 = \$60,000

Legacy Awards (specifically for children and grandchildren of Elks)

Kelsey Fougerat	Gonzales Lodge No. 2413, \$1,000.00
Blake Korenek	El Campo Lodge No. 1749, \$1,000.00
Courtney LaFleur	Gonzales Lodge No. 2413, \$1,000.00
Robyn Malmsten	New Braunfels Lodge No. 2279, \$1,000.00
Morgan Manuel	Dallas Lodge No. 71, \$1,000.00
William Westmoreland	Pearland Area Lodge No. 2732, \$1,000.00

Best Youth Program Brochure Contest: These three lodges are the total brochures received from Texas Lodges.

Div 1, Second Place: (Sponsored by Roy & Donna Woodard) **Mesquite Lodge #2404.**

Div 1, First Place: (Sponsored IMO Bettye & Floyd Zoch by Ed & Cecilia Polasek) **Katy Lodge #2628.**

Div. 2, First Place: (Sponsored by Ronda Fleming Hays) **Grapevine Lodge #2483.**

Best Overall Lodge Youth Program:

(Sponsored IMO Bette & Floyd Zoch by El Campo Lodge): **Katy Lodge #2628.**

Vocational Grant Program, Directed by Kent Lowrey: There was one qualifying entrant, receiving a \$1000 grant:
Jacqueline Kalani Hillis of Bourne, Texas

Teenager of the Year, Directed by David Ledbetter: 14 LODGES SUBMITTED 8 FEMALE 11 MALE APPS:

BEAUMONT 311	BRAZOS VALLEY 859	BRENHAM 979	DALLAS 71
DENISON 238	EL CAMPO 1749	FORT WORTH 124	GARLAND 1984
GREENVILLE 2437	IRVING 2334	KATY 2628	KERRVILLE 2081
PLANO/RICHARDSON 2485		SHERMAN 2280	

FEMALE 3rd Place, \$400, **BRITTANY LYN SIEMENS**, Submitted by Kerrville Lodge #2081

2nd Place, \$600, **AMANDA CHRISTINE FAIT**, Submitted by Katy Lodge #2628

1st Place, \$1000, **KARI M'LYNN GALIPP**, Submitted by Brenham Lodge #979

MALE 3rd Place, \$400, **BRIAN CHRISTOPHER HANDER**, Submitted by Irving Lodge #2334

2nd Place, \$600, **CODY PAUL BRANDL**, Submitted by El Campo Lodge #1749

1st Place, \$1000, **DYLAN THOMAS COWART**, Submitted by Denison Lodge #238

TESA Essay Contest, Directed by Glenna Krueger: (There were 24 entries from 12 lodges.)

3rd Place, \$500, **Sigred Debner**, Submitted by Sherman Lodge #2280.
2nd Place, \$800, **Katy Gipson**, Submitted by Brazosport Lodge #2200.
1st Place, \$1000, **Paige Albright**, Submitted by Brenham Lodge #979.

TESA Girl Scout Award, Directed by Janet Slack and Kathy Leishner: (There were 13 total entries.)

1st Place, \$2,500: **Catherine Wilkins** Submitted through Texarkana Lodge #2771
of Texarkana, Texas

TESA Boy Scout Award, Directed by Willie Capps: (There were four total entries.)

1st Place, \$2,500: **Adam Kohl** Submitted through Temple Lodge #138
of Temple, Texas

TESA Scholarships, Directed by Danny Holman: (There were 26 entries from 18 lodges.)

Elizabeth Castillo, of Navasota, Texas, Sponsored by Brenham Lodge #979, \$1250 x 4 = \$5,000.

Emily Hoff, of Windthorst, Texas, Sponsored by Wichita Falls Lodge #1105, \$1250 x 4 = \$5,000.

Caitlyn Talarico, of Kerrville, Texas, Sponsored by Kerrville Lodge #2081, \$1250 x 4 = \$5,000.

Jaron Judd, of Vernon, Texas, Sponsored by Wichita Falls Lodge #1105, \$1250 x 4 = \$5,000.

Kyle Consemiu, of Cleveland, Texas, Sponsored by Liberty #2019, \$1250 x 4 = \$5,000.

Travis Brownlee, of Mission, Texas, Sponsored by McAllen #1402, \$1250 x 4 = \$5,000.

REPORT SUMMARY TO OUR TEXAS ELKS LODGES:

Texas Elks had a strong year recognizing the accomplishments of the young people of our state, and assisting them in reaching their educational goals. The above report shows a total of \$48,800 in combined ENF and TESA monies will be issued this next TESA year to 33 "young people." This is a figure we can be proud of, but as Texas Elks we know we can do even better. Let me offer four suggestions – priorities – for us to take hold of as we kick off our new TESA year:

- 1) We can continue to encourage our Lodge members to apply for their childrens' and grandchildrens' Legacy awards. We improved from five to six Legacy winners this year! That still leaves six on the table unallocated due to the low number of applicants.
- 2) We can build awareness in our communities for the unallocated \$8,000 in Vocational Grant monies we did not award this year.
- 3) We can continue to build on the number of our Texas Lodges who participate in TESA Youth Activities by submitting worthy applicants for our TESA Scholarships, Teenager of the Year, and Boy Scout / Girl Scout Award programs.
- 4) Every Texas Lodge – yes, even YOUR lodge – can submit a "Best Youth Program" Brochure, highlighting the good work your lodge is already doing but perhaps is not collecting and publicizing. Those lodges who consistently turn in a brochure will tell you that the brochure project itself has strengthened their youth programs and made their planning and activities more organized. I am going to lead by example this year: Harlingen Lodge WILL submit a Best Youth Program brochure this year! Won't you join me in this challenge?

Respectfully Submitted,



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