



## Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Advisor Awards

The Texas Master Naturalist Program presents the **Chapter Advisor Award** to outstanding advisors and/or teams of advisors each year for exemplary contributions to the organization's mission and goals. The goal of the awards program is to encourage and recognize the exceptional work and support of local Texas Master Naturalist Chapter Advisors.

The **Chapter Advisor Team** category was established to recognize the exceptional support of TMN Chapter Advisors working in partnership to support a chapter, just as the TMN program is supported by a partnership between Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at the statewide level.

### Deadline:

Nominations are due by **11:59 pm SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>** via the TMN website:

<https://txmn.tamu.edu/2025-annual-meeting/>

### Chapter Advisor Award Winners of the past 5 years:

- **2021 Matthew March-** Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Piney Wood Lakes Chapter
- **2021 Team - Tania Homayoun** Texas Parks & Wildlife Department; and **Johanna Arendt**, Travis County, Balcones Canyonlands Chapter
- **2022 Kara Matheney-** Texas A&M Extension Service, Gideon Lincecum Chapter
- **2023 Lois Balin-** Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Trans Pecos Chapter
- **2024 Wizzie Brown-** Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Balcones Canyonlands Chapter

### Application:

Chapters are invited to nominate their advisor(s) for the award(s) by filling out the form on the state website questions listed below.

- Goal 1: Devotion to Texas natural resources and the chapter.
  - Briefly describe nominee's knowledge and passion for Texas' natural resources.
  - Describe nominee's ability to relay and instill this passion to program volunteers.
  - Describe nominee's ability to interact with and support program volunteers.
- Goal 2: Enhancement of knowledge and technical capabilities of the chapter.
  - Describe the nominee's work to accomplish Goal 2. This may include her/his involvement in chapter efforts such as workshops, outreach, symposia, conferences and/or meetings to accomplish this goal.
  - Describe purpose, program/agenda, and participation for each.
  - Describe the nominee's role in creating or enhancing opportunities for volunteers to become involved in projects, education, and chapter involvement.

### Considerations:

- A single advisor receiving the award in the immediate previous year is not eligible to be selected for the single advisor recognition in the following award year. Advisors receiving a team award in the previous year are still eligible for the single advisor award in the following year.
- The information provided should cover only the previous **12 to 16 months of activities**.
- The recipient(s) of the Chapter Advisor Award may excel in one or several areas of their support of the Chapter and/or the statewide TMN program. The award selection committee will consider the organization's goals, mission, and the advisor(s) chapter advancements and chapter accomplishments. Chapter nominations should provide a complete and concise description of their nominee's activity in each of the areas described; new initiatives and innovations supporting the chapter (rather than ongoing programs or projects) should be emphasized.
- Nominations must document the level of advisor participation and support in the various chapter activities/initiatives, chapter accomplishments, along with the advisor(s) resource management knowledge, and their ability to empower chapter members.
- An electronic file of at least one picture of the nominee(s) must be included with the nomination submission.

## **Awards:**

All nominations will be announced at the Saturday evening awards ceremony at the Annual Meeting in October. Monetary prizes may be offered based on available project award funding each year.