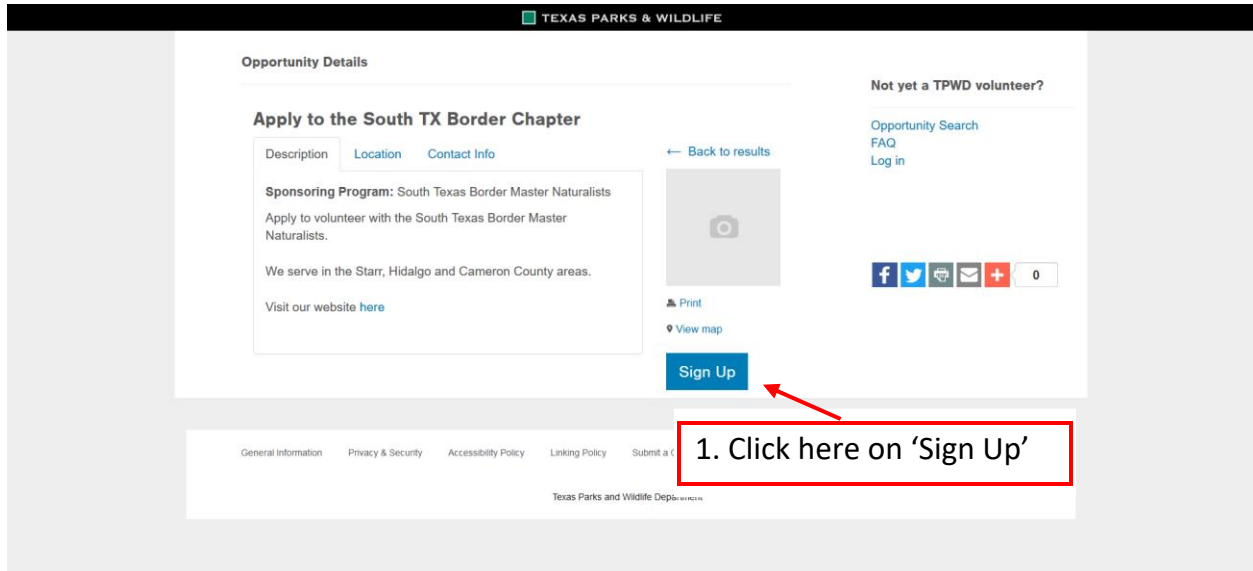


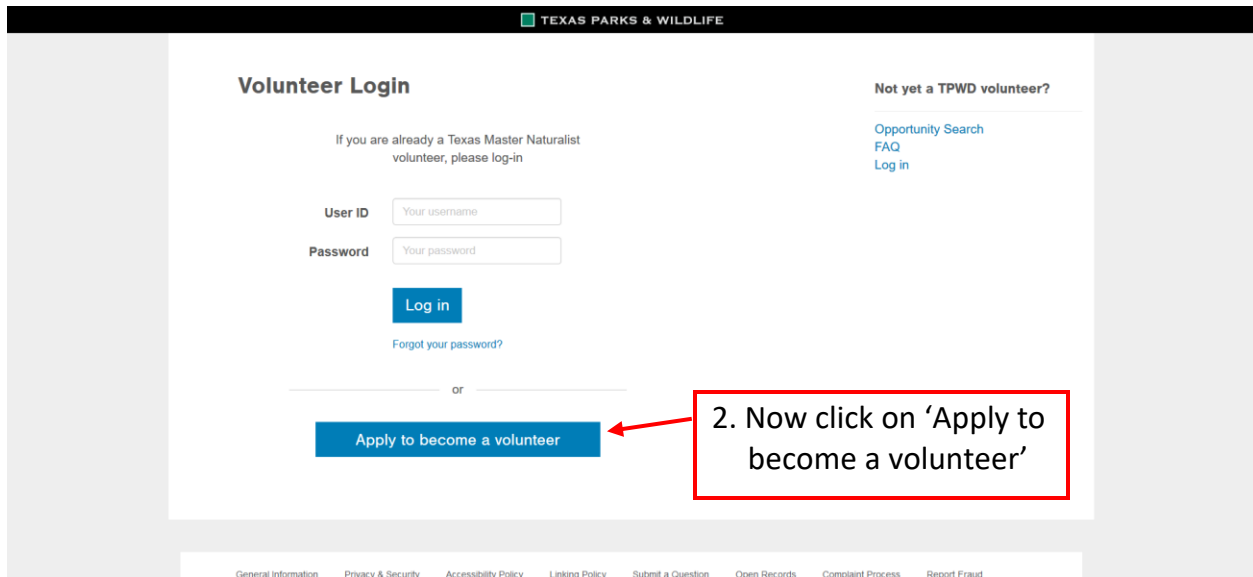
To apply for South Texas Border Chapter Texas Master Naturalist volunteer training:

Go to: <https://tpwd.samaritan.com/recruiter/1450/OppDetails/204111/South-TX-Border-Master-Naturalist-Application/>

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Waivers & Agreements

Background Check

In connection with the evaluation of my suitability for volunteer service, I give my consent for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to obtain criminal history and driving record information related to my application for volunteer service. I understand that criminal history information includes any criminal conviction records for deferred adjudication, misdemeanor or felony offenses at age 17 or older. I understand that driving record information includes a driver's license verification and driving history of the past 12 months, and lists all convictions for traffic violations. Any such information will be used solely for volunteer-related considerations and not for any other purpose.

I authorize, consent, and grant permission to any person or entity to release to TPWD or its agent(s) any and all information regarding my criminal history and driving record. I WAIVE any and all claims I may have with respect to providing such information. I understand that TPWD and its agent(s) are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in such reports. I RELEASE TPWD and its agent(s) from any and all liability, claims, and lawsuits with respect to the information obtained from any or all sources used by TPWD and its agent(s).

I understand that this authorization is not an offer or acceptance of my volunteer service by TPWD and that any false or misleading information I have provided to TPWD may result in a refusal to accept or continue volunteer service. I also understand that this authorization is a continuing authorization and will remain valid until such time as I inform TPWD in writing that I revoke this authorization.

Certain volunteer positions require us to conduct a background check and/or a driving record check. Answering "no" to the questions below will not preclude you from serving in positions that do not require a background check or driving record.

Applicants who wish to volunteer for the Game Warden Chaplain positions will be required to go through a rigorous law enforcement background check. Volunteer Chaplain candidates will be contacted by a local Game Warden and asked to sign a separate authorization to release information from before this background check is conducted.

I accept these terms Yes No

Confidentiality Agreement

I understand that during the course of my volunteer service and scope of my duties with TPWD, I may have access to data and confidential information concerning resources, finances, volunteers, employees, and/or users. This requires a commitment to confidentiality to protect individual and agency privacy and sensitive information. Unauthorized use of and/or disclosure of certain data and other sensitive information may create legal liability, put sensitive natural and cultural resources at risk, and cause a loss of public confidence in TPWD.

I HEREBY AGREE THAT I WILL NOT USE THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF INFORMATION IN AN UNAPPROVED MANNER: I FURTHER AGREE THAT I WILL NOT DISCLOSE SUCH INFORMATION TO PERSONS WITHIN OR OUTSIDE OF TPWD WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM MY SUPERVISOR.

- Personally identifiable information, including home addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers and birthdates of TPWD employees, volunteers, or customers. This includes personally identifiable information stored in TPWD or non-TPWD hosted electronic files and data systems (i.e. computers, phones, databases, spreadsheets, etc.), including passwords.
- Information about the nature or location of any area, structure or feature (natural or man-made) that TPWD considers to be sensitive. This includes but is not limited to information on the location of archeological sites, on the location of non-published cave or cave-like features, or on the location of or data about endangered species.
- Information or data stemming from conducting or assisting with archeological site monitoring, surveys, testing and excavations, flora/fauna surveys and studies, and other scientific research.
- Proprietary information, including information related to revenue or revenue systems, data or data collection systems, or scientific or surveying processes.

I understand that it is my responsibility to protect sensitive agency information throughout and after my term as a volunteer. I understand that any unauthorized disclosure or use of data or information, physically or electronically, will be subject to disciplinary action. These actions may include the termination of my participation as a volunteer and/or legal action according to applicable laws and TPWD policies and procedures.

I accept these terms Yes

Media Waiver

I agree to be photographed or videotaped as a TPWD volunteer. I authorize my likeness to be edited, duplicated, re-used and distributed in whole or in part for all informational and promotional purposes through any media worldwide.

I understand that TPWD, its employees, subcontractors, and agents, have no obligation to air or use my likeness. Without any compensation to me, I authorize the rights granted herein. I understand that my appearance in photographs or videotapes confers upon me no rights of use, ownership, or copyright.

I RELEASE TPWD, its employees, subcontractors, and agents, from all liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation in the photography or videotaping.

I accept these terms I agree I disagree

Alternate Workforce Waiver

I, in consideration of being accepted as a volunteer for TPWD volunteer services, hereby RELEASE, DISCHARGE and AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS TPWD, its agents, employees, officers and successors, from and against all liability, claims, demands, and judgments which the undersigned may have, or which my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns may have or claim to have, against TPWD, its agents, employees, officers or successors for all personal injuries (including death), property damage, or other damages caused by or arising out of activities in the above described volunteer services.

I also agree to:

- Faithfully fulfill my obligation as a volunteer;
- Seek and accept the guidance and support needed to complete all assigned tasks;
- Present a positive image that speaks well of TPWD;
- Actively participate as a team member with others on the staff and at the work site; and
- Abide by the Conduct, Operation and Safety rules that exist within TPWD and at the work site.

Restrictions:

- A volunteer may not be placed in any duty situation considered hazardous.
- A volunteer will take no law enforcement actions.
- TPWD is not responsible for damage to a volunteer's personal property. Therefore, the volunteer should use work site equipment and/or insure his or her own property equipment when possible.

I understand that either TPWD or myself may cancel this agreement and my participation at any time. I have carefully read this agreement and release and understand all its terms. I execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its legal consequences.

By submitting this electronic application I hereby agree to the terms of the Alternate Workforce Waiver.

I accept these terms I agree

*Enter your name as it would be legally signed

*Date agreed

Parental Release Forms

If under 18, Volunteer will need to print the following documents and bring completed and signed by parent or legal guardian to the event.

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3. Complete all 5 pages of forms. Click on 'Continue' at top or bottom of page to go to following pages.

NOTE: TPWD requires you to authorize a background check.

4. We will email you soon with more details.

Please plan to attend our **Required** in-person Orientation Meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2024 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.