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Outdoor News Foundation Highlights 2025 Milestones

As Give to the Max Day and holiday giving season looms, the Outdoor News Foundation highlights its first-year successes.

A respected outdoor media brand since 1968, Outdoor News announced last year the launch of its new nonprofit arm, the Outdoor News Foundation. Dedicated to recruiting new hunters, anglers, and conservationists, the Foundation works to create lifelong connections among youngsters with the outdoors sports via old-school recruiting tactics that get them directly outdoors and connected to hunting and fishing culture. In addition to providing subscription access to young people to outdoornews.com, donations to the nonprofit fund scholarships for students enrolled in collegiate fish and wildlife biology studies, environmental learning centers, and outdoors journalism programs.

The foundation is pleased to announce its first round of scholarships, awarded in November 2025. Recipients include two students and two college programs that work to introduce outdoors sports to teams of university and college students. Outdoor News thanks the many donors who contributed to the Foundation the past year who made these scholarships possible. Read below about the Foundation's achievements for 2025, and please consider supporting the nonprofit's growing efforts for the remainder of this year and beyond via donations on Give to the Max Day 2025 on Nov. 20 and throughout the holiday season.

The fall 2025 Outdoor News Foundation recipients include:

Drew Provinzino, age 20, from Woodbury, Minn. Currently enrolled at University of Wisconsin-Superior, Provinzino is transferring as a junior to Bemidji State University to complete a degree in Fisheries Science. A serious outdoorsman, Provinzino says, "The outdoors has always been a passion and a way of life for me; this scholarship will help me toward my goal of working as a fisheries scientist for the Minnesota DNR and continuing my passion into a career while also working to protect the resources our state has. I want everyone to experience the outdoors and make memories lasting a lifetime."

Alex Treinen, age 21, from Menahga, Minnesota. He's currently a junior at Valley City State University, where he's double majoring in Conservation Law and Wildlife Biology. When he's not attending classes, he's hunting and fishing and recording his experience for his hunting Youtube channel where his bio reads: "I'm an outdoor enthusiast who loves spending time in nature, especially hunting." Treinen is a committed waterfowl hunter who

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enjoys traveling all over the United States and Canada to hunt. “One of my favorite things to do is bring new hunters out and encourage them to get involved in the outdoors, helping them experience the excitement and responsibility that come with hunting and wildlife conservation. I want to become a game warden after I graduate college, and I’m excited for what the future holds.”

In addition, the Foundation is supporting two conservation group programs that hold events for groups of collegiate and university students to participate in the outdoors directly. They include:

The **Delta Waterfowl University Hunting Program**, which the conservation group first launched in 2017. Recognizing that most wildlife management students – the future decision-makers of waterfowl management – have had little or no exposure to duck hunting or first-hand experience of the role of hunting in North American wildlife management, Delta created its UHP to help these students understand hunting and habitat decisions. More than 120 colleges have affiliated with the program, and participating university students receive instruction as part of a regularly scheduled wildlife course. Program components include hunter safety course requirement, a shooting skills day, a mentored hunt at a quality hunting location, and a post-hunt meal and discussion

The Minnesota Conservation Federation hosts similar events with colleges and universities in Minnesota via its **Conservation Leadership Academy**. Participants in the program are college students who have an interest in a natural resources major or career but have not had the chance to take part in fishing or hunting activities. Taking part in the CLA provides them with new experiences and information that will help to broaden their understanding of conservation and its connection to those who fish, hunt, and trap.

In addition, the Foundation provided Outdoor News subscription access to nearly 200 students, plus 2,100 copies of Outdoor News were placed into the hands of youth.

The Outdoor News Foundation is asking the sporting community to continue in helping us recruit the next generation of license buyers and gear spenders (read: excise taxpayers) as well as fish and wildlife professionals by donating yet in 2025. Remember the Outdoor News Foundation on Give to the Max Day, on Thursday, Nov. 20. Visit www.outdoornews.com/foundation to help expand America’s unique outdoors heritage.