

# THE Owen Fellowship

OF THE LONGLEAF ALLIANCE

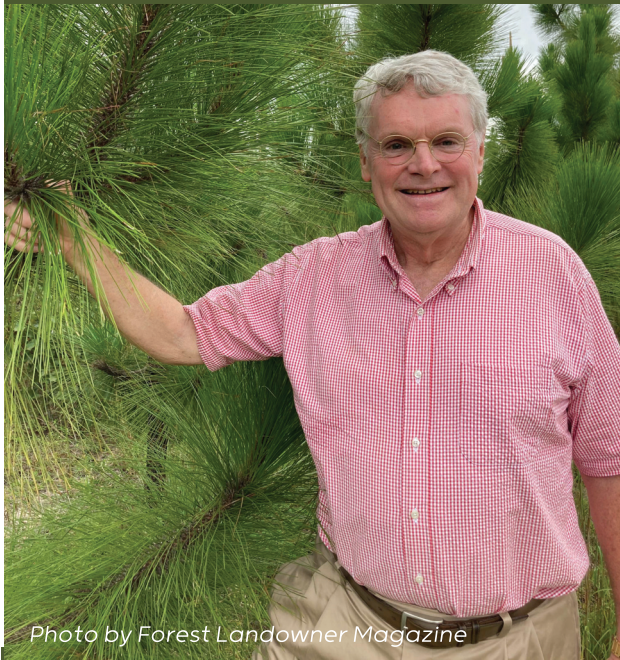


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*"I'm obviously passionate about Longleaf but am also passionate about education. I decided to combine these two with a bequest to The Longleaf Alliance to endow a scholarship for advanced studies in the Longleaf Ecosystem." Bill Owen*

Now in its third round, The Owen Fellowship of The Longleaf Alliance is an exciting program we are proud to offer in conjunction with the 16th Biennial Longleaf Conference to be held October 27-30, 2026 in Williamsburg, VA and subsequent conferences. The Biennial Longleaf Conference is The Longleaf Alliance's regional event, the largest and longest-running longleaf event in the country.

The award will be given to a graduate student in the amount of \$20,000. The recipient will attend the 2026 conference, submit an article for publication in the *Longleaf Leader* quarterly magazine, and will submit a poster and presentation about the research at the 2028 conference.

Dr. William 'Bill' Owen is a professional musician, educator, and landowner in Virginia. Through his work on the Board of Directors of The Longleaf Alliance, he was inspired to endow a fellowship for advanced studies and research in the Longleaf Pine Ecosystem. He hopes The Owen Fellowship will encourage the next generation of Longleaf leaders.

## Required Application Materials

- A proposal describing the research project and the specific funding needs (2-page, single-spaced maximum). Relevance of the research project to the protection, management, and restoration of the Longleaf Pine Ecosystem must be clearly stated. Salaries not supported.
- Applicants must identify all other current funding for their research and justify the need for The Owen Fellowship Award.
- A curriculum vitae.
- A letter of support from the faculty advisor overseeing the research.
- An unofficial transcript.
- A high-resolution photo of the applicant.
- All applicants must be official members of The Longleaf Alliance (\$25 student rate).

*\*Applications should be submitted via Survey Monkey. Direct all questions to Lynnsey Basala, Vice President for Development at [lynnsey@longleafalliance.org](mailto:lynnsey@longleafalliance.org).*



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## TIMELINE

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Applications received

**September 1, 2025 - January 23, 2026**

A committee will convene **January 26 - March 31, 2026**. There will be a required Teams interview for Semi-Finalist Candidates.

Fellowship Award Recipient announced by **April 1, 2026**.  
\$10,000 fellowship award will be disbursed by **June 1, 2026**.  
Awardee must attend the 16th Biennial Longleaf Conference in **October 27-30, 2026**.

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Awardee must write an article for publication in The *Longleaf Leader* quarterly Magazine **Winter Issue 2028**

Awardee must present research at the 16th Biennial Longleaf Conference in **Fall 2028** (location TBD)