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Coy went to West Georgia University out of high school. There his focus was Biology and Environmental Science until he was about six months away from graduation. That’s when he decided to change his major to music. Coy took six months off from school to practice for an audition for Georgia State University’s Jazz Studies program and taught himself how to read music at 21 years old. Coy spent every waking hour practicing guitar, studying for exams, listening to the music of American jazz and blues legends, or in the clubs of Atlanta soaking up live music. He found a home at the famous Atlanta Blues Bar, Northside Tavern. Northside is where Coy found his roots in music and met some of his biggest influences, such as Donnie McCormick, Oliver Wood, and Sean Costello.

After graduating from Georgia State University, Coy formed his own band, Coy Bowles and the Fellowship. In 2006, the band released its first album and opened for the Zac Brown Band at the Sky Bar in Auburn, Alabama. A week later, Coy got a call from Zac, who he had met at West Georgia University, offering Coy’s band the full-time opening gig and offering Coy a spot playing keyboards for the Zac Brown Band. Now he plays guitar, organ and writes songs for the Zac Brown Band. The Zac Brown Band has won three Grammys and since 2009, the band has earned 55 award nominations from the [Grammys](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grammys), [Academy of Country Music](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academy_of_Country_Music), [American Music Awards](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Music_Awards), [Country Music Association](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Country_Music_Association) and [Country Music Television](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Country_Music_Television).

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