

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Recommendations are printed and presented to the BLM Director and Secretary of the Interior.
- One participant is invited to accompany PLF when presenting these recommendations in Washington, D.C.
- One participant is also selected to serve on the PLF Board of Directors for a two-year term.
- Many students maintain contact with each other, PLF, and BLM.
- Participants form a group on social media in order to stay in contact with each other.
- At least one participant has gone on to work for the BLM, one for the Forest Service, and at least seven or eight are working for organizations with regular contact with the BLM or Forest Service.

*It was a wonderful experience and I gained so much knowledge and appreciation for public lands and the BLM. Working on actual issues and visiting lands was eye-opening for me—the politics are extremely frustrating (even more than expected!), so it was amazing to see such dedication to stewardship in spite of so many obstacles.*

**KIM YOUNG**



The Public Lands Foundation (PLF) is a national non-profit organization whose members are primarily retired and former employees of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior.

The PLF advocates the management, protection, development, and enhancement of the National System of Public Lands, which is managed by the BLM. The PLF works for the retention of America's public lands in public hands, professionally and sustainably managed for responsible common use and enjoyment.

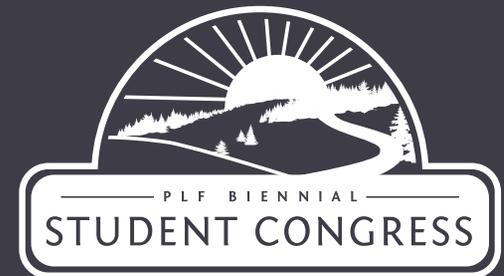
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(INTERIOR ABOVE) PINE FOREST RANGE WILDERNESS, NEVADA © BLM / BOB WICK  
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## PUBLIC LANDS FOUNDATION



## YOUTH PERSPECTIVES ON PUBLIC LANDS POLICY

*The Public Lands Foundation (PLF) Student Congress intends to make our nation's Public Lands more relevant to today's youth and future leaders from across the country.*



## PROGRAM COSTS

It costs roughly \$2000 per student to host a Student Congress. Students have no out of pocket expenses. Speakers are paid a modest honorarium (usually \$500). All costs are direct costs of goods and services. PLF does not retain any funds or pay PLF members who organize and run the Student Congress. PLF members donate over 500 hours of volunteer time in preparing for and conducting the Student Congress. The average cost of putting on a Student Congress is \$40,000:

LODGING AND MEETING ROOM FACILITIES	\$ 16,000.
TRAVEL (STUDENT AND SPEAKERS)	\$ 12,000.
SPEAKER FEES/HONORARIA	\$ 5,000.
BOOKS/SUPPLIES	\$ 3,000.
FIELD TRIP	\$ 2,000.
MEAL ALLOWANCE (STUDENTS)	\$2,000.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Educate our youth on the history and current issues related to public land management.
- Engage students in providing input into the future of these lands.
- Expand potential career consideration and enrich student resumes.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Focus is determined based on current issues or legislative commemorations affecting public land management.
- Students are recruited from colleges and universities across the country in order to obtain as diverse a group of students as possible.
- Orientation of participants involves reading materials and an information session at the beginning of the event.
- Students participate in a one-day service project.
- Recommendations are developed over the course of a day and a half workshop.

*I first want to thank you, the PLF, and the BLM again for making this opportunity possible. The trip to New Mexico was a very rewarding experience that I will carry with me forever.*

AARON CINQUE

## REASONS FOR SUCCESS

- PLF has the contacts in BLM, universities, NGOs, and the private industry to be able to deliver the highest caliber professional speakers and advisors.
- PLF has a strong network with colleges and universities, and is able to attract top-notch students from around the country.
- PLF Board of Directors has committed to sponsoring a Student Congress every two years. Past Student Congress locations include Boulder, CO; Phoenix, AZ; and Las Cruces, NM.

*I've been telling everyone I work with how thrilled I was with the caliber of conversation at the Student Congress.*  
CLAIRE MARTINI



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDENT CONGRESS, PLEASE VISIT <http://publicland.org/events/biennial-student-congress>