



The Public Lands Foundation (PLF) was founded in 1987 by former BLM Assistant Director George Lea. When Mr. Lea retired in the mid-1980s he joined with other BLM retirees and formed the PLF. Mr. Lea's passion for the land and resources continues to this day as he is still active on the Foundation's Board of Directors.

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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GEORGE LEA FOUNDER'S
SCHOLARSHIPS EACH YEAR TO
HIGHLY QUALIFIED STUDENTS
WHO NEED FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE
THEIR SCHOOLING.

THE SCHOLARSHIP IS NAMED
AFTER THE FOUNDER OF THE
PUBLIC LANDS FOUNDATION.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship consists of the following three elements:

- \$5,000 to be used toward the student's tuition expenses.
- An invitation to attend the next PLF annual meeting with all transportation and living expenses paid.
- The opportunity to "shadow" a local BLM manager for a day.

WHO MAY APPLY

- All juniors, seniors, and masters-level graduate students majoring in a natural resource program or public land policy field.
- Students who demonstrate academic excellence with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
- Full time students planning on carrying at least 12 units per semester, or enrolled in a Master's level graduate program.
- Students will also be rated based on financial need, related volunteerism, professional society participation, employment, etc.

ANNUAL COST

- \$10,000 – direct awards to two student accounts (\$5,000 each)
- \$500-1,000 per student for travel to PLF annual meeting
- Zero administrative costs

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

2017

Graduate Student, Range and Wildlife, Sul Ross State University, TX

Undergraduate (Junior), Environmental Studies, Michigan State University

2016

Graduate Student, Anthropology New Mexico State University

Undergraduate (Junior), Wildlife and Fisheries, West Virginia University

2015

Undergraduate (Senior), Parks and Recreation, Arizona State University

Undergraduate (Senior), Adventure Tourism, Prescott College, AZ

2014

Undergraduate (Senior), Forestry Oregon State University

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APPLICATION FORM CAN BE FOUND

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