



JOIN CLASS 2011-2012

THE CHILDREN'S LAND ALLIANCE SUPPORTING SCHOOLS

CHILDREN'S LAND ALLIANCE SUPPORTING SCHOOLS is an organization of educators, state trustee agencies, developers and advocates for children, all working to ensure the prudent use of the school trust lands, minerals and permanent funds to support public education in 20 western states.

States still hold 45 million acres of school trust lands, from the original 134 million acres of land granted by Congress to states as they entered the Union, for the sole purpose of support of common schools. These lands produce over \$1 billion each year to support schools throughout the west. Permanent funds built from revenue from the lands exceed \$48 billion.

CLASS keeps members informed about current issues, so they can make sure their states are putting these trust lands to work for the beneficiaries – the school children. CLASS empowers members with information on the protections of state constitutions and trust law and is the only organization of its kind.

Our members represent the range of interests with a stake in prudent use of these lands: educators, land managers, surface and mineral lessees and parent groups. Diversity of membership ensures a comprehensive approach to our education and advocacy.

CLASS activities are supported by membership fees, donations and grants, although opportunities for federal grants have become very limited. Thank you for considering becoming a member. In addition, please consider an additional contribution. CLASS is a 501 (c) 3 organization, and donations are tax deductible.

OUR VISION: Productive school trusts providing for world-class schools.

OUR MISSION: As guardians, educate and advocate on behalf of the beneficiaries for prudent and profitable management of the school trust lands and permanent funds to sustain each child's birthright to the best possible education.

BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF MEMBERSHIP

Annual Summer Conference

A conference is held concurrent with the Western States Land Commissioners Association to provide information on trust lands and give our members the opportunity to meet with land and fund managers. Members receive a discounted conference rate. Only members may vote at the Business Meeting. *This year's conference will be in Rapid City, South Dakota from Sunday July 10th thru Wednesday, July 13th. More information will follow.*

Newsletter

A bi-annual newsletter keeps members apprised of current issues and state news about trust lands and funds, including information on land and fund management to assist members in advocating for policies that will benefit public education funding in their state.

Research

CLASS researches trust land issues for members, and promotes actions to generate greater revenue for schools.

Networking with groups interested in management and development of trust lands

CLASS offers training and networking opportunities with beneficiaries, land managers and user groups in 20 western states regarding school trust lands and permanent trust funds. CLASS speaks at national education and legislative conferences educating policy makers about the prudent and profitable use of the lands for schools.



2011- 2012
Annual Membership Dues
Due by March 31, 2011

Statewide Educational and Volunteer Organizations (State PTAs)	\$75
State Boards and State Agencies	\$250
State Education Associations <i>(includes Superintendents, Principals, Administrators, State Education Affiliates of the NEA, Universities)</i>	\$200
Individuals	\$25
National Associations and Foundations	\$2,500
Other Non-profit Organizations	\$250

Please return this form with your check to:

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P.O. Box 1745
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(801) 538-7873

Organization or Individual _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Date _____

Dues Amount \$ _____

Contact Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____

In addition, I wish to help support CLASS with a tax-deductible contribution this year of:

\$100 ___ **\$500** ___ **\$1,000** ___ or other amount \$ _____