

# General Land Office 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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In 2012, the Bureau of Land Management is commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the General Land Office. The General Land Office played a major role in the westward expansion of our country and oversaw the surveying, platting and sale of public lands.

The BLM, in partnership with the Public Land Foundation and the Center of the American West, will host a juried art contest for Colorado high school students (grades 9-11) in 2012 to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the General Land Office.

The BLM created an educational presentation covering the history of the General Land Office and the BLM. The presentation is designed as a self-guided lesson that will provide background information and inspiration for the contest submissions.

The themes for this art contest are based on the role the General Land Office played on the development of the American West.

- The value of public lands.
- Your personal experience or connection to public lands.
- How public lands are part of your family heritage and the role they play in your future.

The art contest will include an electronic visual component and a written artist's statement. The visual part of the contest could include photography, drawing, graphic design, video, animation, etc. The artist's statement will consist of a written statement that connects the artwork to the contest themes.

The deadline for submissions is May 31, 2012. The Center of the American West will judge the competition and announce the winner(s) by July 20, 2012.

Winning entries will be displayed at the GLO Symposium/Student Congress September 11-14, 2012, and will be featured on the BLM's website at:

[http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM\\_Resources/environmental\\_education.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Resources/environmental_education.html)

Prizes will be divided into three categories:

- 3 First Place winners will receive \$500.00 cash
- 3 Second Place winners will receive \$300.00 cash
- 3 Third Place winners will receive \$100.00 cash

All entrants will receive feedback from the judges.

