

# STOP Fellowship Announcement 2023



**Apply:** by **May 1st** for priority consideration: [bit.ly/STOPApply](https://bit.ly/STOPApply)  
*Applications accepting on a rolling basis until 6 positions are filled*

## About the Fellowship

The Ohio River valley is facing the potential build out of the Petrochemical Industry, an industry that turns fossil fuels into plastic. [Read more about that here.](#)

With that in mind, this full school-year (August- April) organizing fellowship has 5 goals:

1. Support young people in Appalachia & the Ohio River Valley to organize for a better future, and find their place in it.
2. Connect and align students & university resources to the movement against petrochemicals and plastic.
3. Resource students to organize on & off campus to disrupt the petrochemical & plastic industry.
4. Build long lasting mutually beneficial relationships between student-led groups in universities and grassroots organizations.
5. Uplift young people and their voices into the fight against petrochemicals and climate change

## During this Fellowship you will:

- Receive 1v1 mentorship from multiple movement leaders
- Develop and refine a story of self related to this work
- Train up on basic organizing skills such as facilitation and team building
- Research and learn about petrochemical infrastructure in our region
- Meet and build relationships with community leaders
- Be in community with other students that attend school in the Ohio River Valley
- Complete self-driven projects as they arise & more

## Payment

Students will be paid **\$18/hr for 5 hrs/week for 24 weeks, 12 weeks each semester, for a total payment of \$2,160.00 dispersed every two weeks in payments of approximately \$180.00.** This payment is given to the student through direct deposit. Additionally, students are given access to a \$500 tech stipend to pay for materials needed to organize. *Students are not expected to pay for any organizing materials out of pocket.*

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## Overview of the position

This full school year fellowship is for college students in the Appalachian Region & Ohio River Valley; **priority consideration given to students that come from frontline communities, marginalized identities, and students that attend schools near frontline communities.** Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all 6 positions are filled with priority given to applications submitted before **May 1st.**

## Required Skills:

- At this time, fellows **must be attending a continued-education institution** such as: technical schools, community colleges, 4 year colleges & universities, and graduate schools. The school must have a physical location in PA, OH, KY, TN, or WV even if the student themselves is remote.
- Dedication to personal growth and unlearning oppressive systems and behaviors.
- Self-starter energy with the eagerness to learn, ability to self manage.
- Willingness to collaborate with a variety of folks of different backgrounds including: regional schools, community organizers, and other organizers.
- Familiarity with online organizing, zoom, google hang, & similar.

## Preferred Skills:

- Previous organizing experience on your campus (clubs, student gov't, etc.)
- Relationships with your greater campus community
- Familiarity with social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter.
- Understanding of the intersections of social & environmental justice.
- Basic understanding of the Linear Consumption Economy, Environmental Justice, and Single-Use Plastics (bonus Petrochemical/Plastic connection familiarity).

## **About the Post-Landfill Action Network**

*The Post-Landfill Action Network (PLAN) cultivates, educates, and inspires the Student-Led Zero Waste Movement. We inform students about the Waste Crisis and equip them with the necessary skills and resources to implement zero waste solutions in their campus communities. We empower our generation to be changemakers.*

## **About People Over Petro Coalition:**

*POPCO is a member-driven coalition working to reverse the expansion of the petrochemical industry in the Appalachian Basin and encourage a clean, renewable, and regenerative economic foundation.*

**Questions?** Email me: [Young@postlandfill.org](mailto:Young@postlandfill.org)