Hitting roadblocks trying to access information?

If your student media staff are hitting roadblocks trying to access information from your state or local government, check out the Student Press Law Center's free open records letter generator!

A written request letter is the best way to get the information you are seeking, and our free letter generator makes it easy to draft your request with our fully automated, fill-in-the-blanks system.

If you have other questions regarding access to public information, check out our list of more free resources on our website.

Create a Public Records Request

How a photo inspired Maddie Pukite's story on cutbacks affecting student parents

Student journalists are instrumental in telling important — and often untold — stories for their communities. Each week, SPLC will be highlighting examples of bold journalism done by high school and collegiate student journalists for our new series Behind the Story.

This week, SPLC spoke with Madeline Pukite at the Daily Lobo about their story, "University lacks support for student parents." Pukite discussed how they used one photo and the university’s decision to sell its Student Family Housing complex to tell a larger story about the challenges facing student parents at the University of New Mexico.

Pukite also gave some advice to up-and-coming student journalists and shared their thoughts on why student journalism is so important in their community.

"We have a chance to cover a part of the city that other papers don’t," Pukite said. "We’re talking to all groups. Student parents are a part of the student body that people don’t always think about."

Read the Full Interview

SPLC is seeking our next Storytelling Intern!

SPLC is looking for a spring intern to help us tell the story of student press freedom: why we need it and how censorship threatens it. Help us uplift student journalists and advisers.
Shoutout to our Student Visual Journalists

A big thank you to our friends at the National Press Photographers Association for their partnership in hosting a joint discussion on Media Law for Student Visual Journalists yesterday, and to the awesome student photojournalists who attended!

Listen to the Discussion

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Your donation helps us defend the rights of student journalists and their advisers across the country. High school and college news organizations can show their support for SPLC’s legal hotline and other core services by becoming a member.

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