



MICHIGAN LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

Michigan League of Conservation Voters – Government Affairs Fellow

The Michigan League of Conservation Voters is seeking a long-term fellow to support the work of its Government Affairs team and to build power, presence, and relationships on behalf of our organization, with a focus on advancing land, air and water issues in Lansing, districts around the state, and at the federal level. The ideal candidate will be a rising leader who can serve as Michigan LCV's ambassador to legislative offices, candidates, and their campaigns. They will develop the experience to work on government affairs and issue advocacy. This position will advocate for strong environmental protections as well as build and amplify the voices of Michigan LCV's constituencies.

About the Michigan League of Conservation Voters

The Michigan League of Conservation Voters is a statewide political organization whose mission is to elect pro-conservation candidates to office and to hold all decision makers accountable for protecting Michigan's land, air and water. We work closely with elected officials, business leaders, partner organizations and advocates from across the state, and we are the leading, non-partisan political voice for Michigan's land, air and water.

Michigan LCV is an equal opportunity employer. We assure equal treatment in hiring selection, promotion, transfer, compensation, benefits, training, discipline and other personnel practices and terms or conditions of employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, height, weight, marital status, genetic testing status, veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, gender status, or any other protected class established by all applicable federal, state and local laws and ordinances.

Job Responsibilities

The Government Affairs Fellow, who is based in Lansing, reports to the Government Affairs Legislative Aide, and works 20 hours per week at \$15 per hour, is responsible for the following:

- Perform background and policy research in support of MLCV's legislative strategy.
- Engage the legislature when they are in session; attend legislative hearings taking notes and delivering MLCV's position on bills, write and deliver testimony, monitor floor sessions to observe and participate in lobbying and the legislative process.
- Track and record elected official activity primarily at the state level, including bill introductions and committee schedules. Assists in deploying our digital accountability tools for Michigan's Governor, Attorney General, and Legislature.
- Support MLCV's state-federal climate initiative through decision-maker outreach, and background research; execute project specific tasks related to Green Gavels, 30x30 land preservation, aggregate mining, and other ongoing initiatives.
- Work with MLCV staff to schedule, prep, meet, and vet candidates for elected office. This work eventually leads towards MLCV endorsement (or not) of the top environmental candidates for elected office in Michigan and also helps MLCV staff maintain working relationships with legislators on both sides of the aisle.
- Track, manage, schedule, prep, and attend MLCV candidate education efforts.
- Ascertain contact info, connect with candidates, schedule virtual and in-person meetings.
- Prep candidate meetings by preparing folders and background research, attend and take notes when possible.

- Assist in writing weekly Capital Catch-Up emails to members.
- Build Government Affairs' working relationships with academic and other leading experts in key legislative areas, primarily environmental science and elections.
- Supports communication and scheduling with MLCV's Accountability Committee.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

We are seeking candidates who excel at building genuine relationships, who are natural problem solvers, results-driven, and who are looking to build careers in the public policy, legislative, or political arenas in issue areas primarily related to the environment and conservation, but including good governance and elections. Top candidates will have:

- High quality written and oral skills, excited to engage people, including those in positions of power.
- A background in politics, elections, and public policy.
- A strong appreciation for details and planning; a positive and direct approach to project execution that is results-oriented; experience and comfort executing multiple projects at once.
- A desire to and record of self-starting; happy to take direction and comfortable owning projects.
- A positive, can-do attitude; a consistent approach to new ideas and approaches with a sense of possibility.
- A strong willingness to work at a fast pace and occasionally long hours, including outside of the traditional 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM work day.
- A commitment to and belief in putting issues above party and working across the aisle to better protect our land, air, water and communities.
- Cultural Competence
 - Demonstrated awareness of one's own cultural identity, views about difference and the ability to learn and build on varying cultural and community norms.
 - Commitment to racial justice and equity as organizational practice and culture.
 - Understanding of or desire to learn how environmental issues intersect with racism, economic and social inequality in the U.S. and a passion for working to dismantle these systems.
 - Interest in electoral politics and understanding of how the electoral landscape affects policy advocacy.

How to Apply

Please send your cover letter and resume to jobs@michiganlcv.org and include "Government Affairs Fellow" in the subject line. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.



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From our Past Fellows and Interns:



HALLIE FOX

Government Affairs

“This was by far the best internship I've ever had. I always felt like I was on equal footing with other staff members, and my supervisors were very intentional about acting as mentors, not as bosses. I planned on staying with Michigan LCV throughout a gap year between completing my undergraduate degree at University of Michigan and my law degree at Harvard. But, when I was offered a full time position as Michigan LCV's Legislative Aide, I was so excited to continue working with my team that I decided to defer my enrollment at Harvard until 2022. I highly recommend this hands-on experience to anyone who is interested in environmental law and policy as future career path, as the things that I learned through my internship were more valuable than any classroom experience. ”

“Michigan LCV provides countless opportunities for fellows and interns to get involved in several different projects within the organization. They have the chance to learn, grow, and take on challenging yet exciting roles. I've had the ability to be a part of both election and issue-based work. Working within the Political & Outreach department, I've supported in organizing and recruiting for virtual events, communicating with lawmakers & stakeholders, as well as receiving countless training to be a more effective organizer. I've also been given many different responsibilities around growing our volunteer base and working with local youth to tackle region-specific issues. ”



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Political & Outreach



ZACH SIMÓN

Communications

“My experience as an intern gave me a wealth of hands-on experience and professional development opportunities that broadened my skill set, as well as my understanding of the possibilities for my career path. From Day One I was welcomed into the fold and truly felt like I was part of the communications team and Michigan LCV family. The collaboration and work ethic of my colleagues was both welcoming and inspirational, setting the tone for how my experience as an intern would take shape. Being given responsibilities and projects I could take ownership of early on made me feel like I was a valuable part of the teams I worked with, and eventually led to joining the Communications team full-time after six months. Interning with Michigan LCV is an extremely valuable experience that helped me get my career off the ground, and I highly recommend it to anyone interested in getting involved with the conservation movement. ”