



Michigan League of Conservation Voters - Our Water Our Vote Activist Program

Join the Our Water Our Vote Activist Program at Michigan League of Conservation Voters!

The Michigan League of Conservation Voters (MLCV) is seeking participants for the Our Water Activist Program through our Political and Outreach department. This is a three month training and engagement program that offers real-world organizing and training pertaining to protecting our environment through community and nonpartisan political engagement.

The program focuses on building power, presence, and relationships on behalf of our organization and organizing community members to get involved in making the protection of Michigan's land, air, and water a political priority. This position will advocate for strong environmental protections, and build and amplify the voices of communities of color and other key constituencies who are disproportionately impacted by environmental issues. **Program participants will develop the experience to work on advocacy and electoral campaigns and will be motivated to build a strong, diverse base of supporters for action on land, air, and water issues in our regions and across the state.** The ideal participants will be interested in learning more about community organizing, building leadership in communities, and creating lasting environmental change.

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.

Program Responsibilities:

Our Water Our Vote Activist will be responsible for the following:

- Attending bi-weekly skill and professional development training,
- Work with the Political and Outreach team at MLCV to grow a strong, sustainable team of volunteers advocating for stronger protections for our air, land, water, and public health,

- Assist the Regional Organizer(s) in recruiting and developing a network of community members and community stakeholders to engage in regional issue advocacy and electoral engagement projects,
- Assist in creating, organizing, and implementing a steady drumbeat of advocacy opportunities that further or fit into Michigan LCV's issue, accountability, electoral or public education campaigns,
- Work with the Political and Outreach team to provide coaching and training to assist with the development of volunteer leaders,
- Receive training on and perform data entry in the Voter Activation Network (VAN) to ensure the accuracy and well-being of regions' supporter database.

Qualifications

We are seeking candidates who excel at **building genuine relationships**, who are **natural problem solvers, results-driven**, and who **are looking to become long-term community leaders**. Prior experience in community organizing is not required, high school and college students are encouraged to apply. You should have:

- Passion for learning organizing principles, working under the environmental justice framework, and creating systemic change,
- A belief that who we elect matters and that the protection of Michigan's land, air, and water should be a political priority,
- Willingness to learn best-practice methods for volunteer recruitment and volunteer leadership development and willingness to learn a variety of database systems; including the VAN or Every Action
- Have a winning attitude and willingness to inspire action and build a team,
- The ability to work with diverse constituencies to broaden and deepen participation in the democratic process and to pass stronger laws to protect our natural resources,
- Be comfortable working with high-performing teams of staff, and volunteers who represent a rich mix of people across race, gender, sexual orientation, and other group identities,
- This commitment is for 10 hours of work per week for a 3-month period, including nights and occasional weekends,

Incentives

This is an unpaid part-time program focused on community organizing training and engagement. Our Water Our Vote Activists will be given applied experience outside of the traditional classroom settings, networking opportunities, and experience in working on issue and electoral programs, building leadership in communities and creating environmental change. Exemplary Our Water Our Vote Activists will receive a letter of recommendation and opportunities for advancement with MLCV or will be connected with other leading organizations in the state upon completion of the program.

How to Apply

This program is taking place in three month cycles now through November. Please send your cover letter and resume to Abigail Barker, abigail@michiganlcv.org, and include your nearest region and "Our Water Our Vote Activist" in the subject line. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.