



State Government Affairs Fellow

The Michigan League of Conservation Voters (LCV) – one of Michigan’s largest, most impactful political advocacy organizations tackling drinking water contamination, the rapidly-worsening impacts of climate change, and efforts to undermine our access to the ballot – is seeking a long-term, part-time fellow to support the work of its State Government Affairs team with a focus on advancing land, air, water, and voting rights issues in Lansing and districts around the state. The ideal candidate will be a rising leader who will develop the experience to work on government affairs and issue advocacy. This position will advocate for strong environmental protections and voting rights 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 drinking water, attacking climate change, and expanding access to the ballot. We work closely with elected officials, business leaders, partner organizations, and advocates from across the state, and we have built a reputation as 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

This position reports to the State Government Affairs Director, is ideally based in or within driving distance of Lansing, and is responsible for the following:

- Executing background and policy research, decision-maker outreach, and project-specific tasks in support of Michigan LCV’s legislative strategy.
- Engaging the Legislature when they are in session by attending legislative hearings, taking notes and delivering Michigan LCV’s position on bills, writing and delivering testimony, monitoring floor sessions to observe and participating in the legislative process.
- Tracking and recording elected official activity, primarily at the state level, including bill introductions and committee schedules. Assisting in deploying our digital accountability tools for Michigan’s Governor, Attorney General, and Legislature.
- Working with Michigan LCV staff to schedule, prep, meet, and vet candidates for elected office in support of the organization’s endorsement efforts and legislative relationships.
- Tracking, managing, scheduling, prepping, and attending Michigan LCV candidate education efforts.
- Assisting in writing weekly Capital Catch-Up email newsletters to members.

- Building Government Affairs' working relationships with academic and other leading experts in key legislative areas.
- Supporting communication and scheduling with Michigan LCV's Accountability Committee.
- Participating in all Michigan LCV political election work – doing the hard work of campaigning, which means volunteering yourself to do door-to-door field canvassing, text and phone banking, and attending campaign events
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications

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

- Superior written and oral communication skills, excited to engage people, including those in positions of power.
- A background in politics, elections, public policy, and/or natural sciences.
- A strong appreciation for details and planning; a positive and direct approach to project execution; 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 with a sense of possibility.
- An ability and 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, democracy and communities.
- Reliable access to transportation for travel across the state, the internet, and a phone to use for work purposes as well as the ability to participate in campaign activities, either phone banking or canvassing
- 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.

Time, Pay, and Location

The State Government Affairs Manager will work 20 hours per week at \$17 per hour. They will have frequent in-person responsibilities in Lansing.

How to Apply

[Click here to apply](#). Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.



MICHIGAN LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

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 Advocacy & 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. 🗨️”



ALI AL-QADI
Advocacy & 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. 🗨️”