

Statehouse Reporter, Capitol News Illinois

Location: Springfield, Illinois

Job Grade: Non-Exempt

Salary Range: \$60,000-\$70,000 plus benefits

Job Posting:

Capitol News Illinois is looking to fill a Statehouse reporting position to cover the General Assembly with a particular focus on education and public health. The position is based in Springfield, within the Illinois Capitol. On occasions during the legislative session and elections, late nights and overtime will be required.

The full-time reporter would ideally be flexible to learn new beats, familiar with following legislation and reading bills, and capable of learning on the fly. They should be personable, able to build sources and able to work in a team setting.

The reporter would be expected to hit regular daily deadlines and work with our four-person reporting team on co-bylined stories, multimedia appearances, video content and interactive journalism.

Qualifications:

1. Experience reporting and writing quickly in a professional, daily deadline setting.
2. Previous experience covering the Illinois Statehouse is preferred.
3. Proven ability to generate interesting and diverse coverage ideas and approaches, using new technology, implementing ways to increase audience reach, and utilizing new media.
4. The ability to use new and evolving processes via computers, web applications, new equipment and software.
5. The ability to work nights and weekends, and travel across the state as coverage dictates.
6. Extraordinary interpersonal skills, including verbal and written communication skills.
7. Photography and multimedia skills are a plus.

Education: Bachelor's degree or greater in journalism or related communications field

Position Coordinates With: Editor-in-Chief and news editor.

To apply, send a resume and three reporting clips to editors@capitolnewsillinois.com.