

## **Job Description: Rural Assembly Fellow**

Center for Rural Strategies / The Rural Assembly

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The Center for Rural Strategies seeks a fellow for the Rural Assembly, its nonprofit policy advocacy organization that shares information about and for rural communities across America (and beyond). This fellowship is for a term of approximately 9 months, to be coordinated with the selected candidate and the Rural Assembly.

### **Job Description**

Fellows with the Rural Assembly will write, learn, and research about topics or areas that they are interested in and would like to share with rural audiences around the world. They will identify and seek out compelling stories, projects, or learning opportunities that reflect diverse rural landscapes and people. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Writing and reporting pieces for publication on the web, including news, features, analysis, commentary, and more.
- Helping create and post content to the web and other platforms
- Supporting continued policy work through research, participating in task force calls, and self-led work in an area of the fellow's interest.

### **Job Requirements**

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Knowledge of, or commitment to learn about, diverse rural people, places, and policies.
- Commitment to continued professional development and learning.
- Demonstrated interest in working on public policies affecting low-income communities, communities of color, and LGBTQ communities, and policies with implications for racial equity that effect rural and Indigenous communities

### **Qualifications**

- One to two years of experience in communications, policy research, or a related field (preferred). Internships, student work, freelance or volunteer positions, and other similar experiences are suitable to address this requirement.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate complex information in a manner that is accurate, accessible, and appealing to general audiences.
- Ability to thrive in a dynamic work environment that requires both collaboration and individual initiative.
- College degree in journalism, communications, media, marketing, humanities, or related field (preferred), or in pursuit of such.

## **Location**

The Center for Rural Strategies has staff and offices located in Whitesburg, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee; Athens, Tennessee; Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota; and Roseburg, Oregon. Working from a remote location is permitted and managed on a case-by-case basis. Under normal conditions, the job may require some regional and national travel. Additional travel may be necessary if the fellow works from a remote location.

## **Compensation**

- \$17-24 per hour
- Flexible work environment and room to grow.

## **Organizational Structure and Values**

- Rural Strategies values inclusion and encourages candidates from diverse backgrounds.
- Rural Strategies maintains a small core staff and works collaboratively with a wide range of partner organizations, independent contractors, and other allies to accomplish its mission.
- Rural Strategies uses a collaborative style of program and staff management. Our staff works closely with each other and with outside entities. The ability to maintain good professional relationships and to represent the organization appropriately in a variety of settings are attributes we value in all staff.

*The Center for Rural Strategies does not discriminate based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or veteran status.*