

POSITION: Causes Reporter

DEPARTMENT: News

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled

STATUS: Full-time

SALARY: \$18.25 per hour

The Register Guard, a Gatehouse newspaper in Eugene, Oregon, is seeking an experienced Causes Reporter. From climate change to homelessness, racism, economic disparity, environmentalism, ethical eating, LGBTQ, gender, social justice and more, this reporter would be responsible for thoughtful, comprehensive reporting on the issues our readers care most about.

We're seeking a dedicated, passionate reporter who can develop a broad network of sources throughout the community and is as equally comfortable interviewing government officials as they are talking with boots-on-the-ground advocates. The ability to breakdown issues into easy to understand language, explain key arguments and tell our readers what it means and why they should care is vital in this position.

This reporter should be a skilled writer who can tell engaging stories about the issues in our community – from short daily turnarounds to comprehensive enterprise through a variety of media and on multiple platforms. Demonstrated knowledge of how to use social media to engage with audiences and extend the reach of reporting is necessary.

Schedule will vary according to workload; night and weekend work may be required. Applicants should have a degree in journalism or related field of study or equivalent work experience.

Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, application and work samples to rgjob.applications@registerguard.com. Complete job description, instructions and applications can be found online at <http://projects.registerguard.com/pages/rg-jobs/>

All employment offers are contingent on the results of a pre-employment drug screening.

REPORTER - CAUSES

Primary responsibility:

Creating content that produces audience engagement. Focus on high-interest, high-engagement topics. Take readers where they have not been before through exclusive reporting and imaginative writing. Find and unravel stories and tell stories in compelling ways.

Responsibilities include but not limited to:

- Obtain relevant information through interviews, observations, attending events, researching documents and data reporting.
- Select stories that reflect reader interest, both geographically and demographically, and reflect the diversity of the community
- Use multimedia to tell stories.
- Develop community contacts, sources and other knowledge of the community and its interests.
- Demonstrate an ability to handle a wide-range of topics, writing and reporting for digital and print platforms
- Use social media effectively to grow sources and attract readers.
- Collaborate with reporters and editors in the newsrooms to set priorities based on news and opportunities to grow audience.
- Suggest photographs, graphics and digital extras to accompany stories.
- Work closely with the photo and design staff to ensure stories are complemented by visual elements when needed.
- Post daily (either social media or website) with the expectation to meet minimum goals set

Required knowledge, skills and abilities:

- Must have good communications skills
- Excellent knowledge of grammar, spelling and AP style
- Ability to react quickly to new developments and exercise news judgement
- Ability to juggle multiple stories and deadlines
- Source-building
- Data analysis

Required education and experience:

Degree in journalism or related field of study or equivalent combination of experience and training required. Minimum of three years' experience as a reporter or editor.

Special Requirements:

Possession of a reliable, fully-insured automobile (car or truck) available at work during working hours; a valid Oregon driver's license and a good driving record.