



Storyteller Position Announcement

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Reaching Higher NH (RHNH) is a nonpartisan 501c3 public education policy and community engagement resource for New Hampshire parents, students, educators, and elected officials. Our mission is to provide all New Hampshire children with the opportunity to prepare for college, for immediate careers, and for the challenges and opportunities of life in 21st century NH, by serving as a public education policy and community engagement resource for New Hampshire families, educators, and elected officials. We believe that strong public schools are the foundation of thriving communities and community engagement in public education is essential to the wellbeing of our students - and all of us. Founded in 2015, RHNH is NH's leading resource for K-12 policy and deep community engagement in our schools.

The successful candidate for this part-time Storyteller position, will be a self-starter ready to cover education across a range of interest areas and geographies to explore the community-level considerations of how we currently fund our schools using an equity lens. This work will be done in concert with the full staff team and network, with the Storyteller pursuing leads as they arise.

Application and Hiring Timeline

Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis. This part-time position will begin in the first quarter of 2020.

What You'll Do

The core responsibilities of this part-time position include:

- Conduct research and interviews (in-person and via phone) with community-level leaders, families, students, educators, and broader community members in cities and towns across NH with an eye toward understanding local considerations around school funding as well as perspectives on the broader role of public schools in NH communities.
- Work with the Reaching Higher NH staff team to identify content ideas for various platforms including web publications, social media, multimedia, in-person events, etc.
- Use data from the Reaching Higher NH team, in conjunction with research and interviews, to draft compelling, accessible, and timely stories that bring to life complex policy issues, opportunities, and community-level nuances.
- Work with the Communications Director to ensure all communications content is developed using an equity lens and advances assets-based narratives.

- Collect photography, audio, and/or video, as necessary to fit the story and goal of each project.
- Develop and maintain productive, strategic relationships with key community members.
- Other communications-oriented projects and supports, as necessary and assigned.

What You Bring

We are looking for awesome people. Bring us your diverse backgrounds and experiences. If you are moved by our mission, and are motivated to make sure each and every child in NH has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential through an exceptional public education -- apply. And, you'll feel at home here if you love being a part of a community of learners, enjoy working hard -- but with purpose and vision -- and bring dedication, humility, and humor to the challenges you encounter.

Additional Qualifications Include

- Experience telling local stories in a state-level context.
- Demonstrated ability to write with style and confidence about complicated topics — including research, policy debates and big ideas — in a way that engages the general public.
- Clear experience respectfully connecting with a diversity of constituencies and interest groups.
- Strong comfort and ideally a track record of using data in reporting (beyond citing statistics).
- Strong photography skills.
- Experience using photography, audio, and video software to craft engaging pieces of content.

Other Requirements

Availability for some evenings and weekends is essential. Must have a vehicle and valid drivers license.

Relationships

This position reports to Reaching Higher's Executive Director (on management topics) and our Communications Director (on day-to-day workflow) and collaborates closely with the full staff team.

Salary and Exempt Status

This grant funded, part-time (up to 20 hours a week), nonexempt position has a competitive rate of \$20-30/hour, strongly depending on experience.

Application Process

To apply, please send each of the following to Evelyn Aissa at evelyn@reachinghighernh.org **as soon as possible-- interviews will be conducted on a rolling basis and begin immediately:** resume, cover letter, and two writing samples. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **No phone calls, please.**

Reaching Higher NH is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment. We are proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status.