

NAWG Job Announcement

Position Description

Organization: National Association of Wheat Growers
Location: Washington, DC
Position: Policy Manager
Reports To: Vice President of Policy and Communications
Date: November 18, 2024

Overview

The National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) is hiring a Policy Manager to oversee a diverse policy portfolio in Washington, DC. NAWG is a national federation of 20 state associations and industry partners that work to represent the needs and interests of wheat producers before Congress and federal agencies. This role would be responsible for leading a diverse policy portfolio focusing on environmental policy related to wheat farming and the wheat industry. The policy portfolio could include issues like farm bill conservation policy, USDA NRCS conservation practices, environmental regulations including the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act, sustainability, climate smart/regenerative agriculture, biofuels/renewable fuels, innovation and crop protection. The role would also manage one of the organization's grower led policy committees.

Principal Responsibilities

- Lobby Members of Congress and Congressional staff on NAWG's legislative priorities.
- Advocate for NAWG's positions before federal agency officials and staff.
- Analyze legislation, regulatory proposals, and administrative actions for impact on wheat growers.
- Brief NAWG leadership, board, and state associations on policy issues, legislative strategy, and policy interpretation.
- Draft written testimony for Congressional hearings and comments on federal rulemakings.
- Develop working relationships with supply chain and food industry counterparts related to sustainability issues.
- Provide staff leadership to one of NAWG's policy committees—the Environment and Research Committee.
- Draft correspondence to the administration, federal agencies, and Congress on policy issues aligned with NAWG's policy and strategic objectives.
- Represent NAWG at coalition meetings.
- Other duties as assigned.
- This position would require being registered as a lobbyist.

Experience/Qualifications

Qualified applicants will have a college degree, 2-5 years of experience in government relations, preferably working on Capitol Hill, as well as an understanding of agriculture policy and environmental policy. Individuals from NAWG-member states are highly encouraged to apply. Qualifications include good verbal and written communication aptitude, strong interpersonal skills, and proficiency with Microsoft Office software. Applicants should have a full understanding of the legislative and regulatory processes through direct work experience or prior lobbying experience. In addition, applicants should

have a strong ability to manage multiple projects, meet deadlines, and work independently and collaboratively within a small team environment to support the organization. Individuals with experience working in the administration, an agriculture association, or a company are encouraged to apply.

Compensation

Salary is negotiable and commensurate with education and experience.

Benefits

A salary range of \$80,000 to \$90,000, health care (NAWG pays all premiums), dental, matching 401K, paid PTO, and remote work policy.

Applicant instructions

Please email your cover letter and resume to NAWGDC@gmail.com with "Policy Manager" in the subject line.

Closing Date

December 13, 2024. Interviews with qualified candidates will be conducted on a rolling basis.

NOTE: Management reserves the right to assign or reassign additional responsibilities and/or duties to this job at any time.