



Political Journalism Internship with *The Colorado Statesman*

Company Overview: Founded in 1898, *The Colorado Statesman* is a weekly newspaper providing coverage of the Legislature and state government, public policy issues, local and state politics, campaigns, and articles about current events of interest to our several thousand readers across the state.

Job Description: *The Colorado Statesman's* Political Journalism Intern will augment our reporting and political coverage for the weekly and online editions. Intern will spend time at the state Capitol, sitting through committee meetings, attending press conferences, meeting with legislators and staffers and developing key relationships, which will enable them to write well-researched and analytic stories on the legislative process as well as the personalities at the state Capitol. Our newspaper is considered a major source of news for elected officials and Capitol Hill staffers.

Intern will participate in staff meetings and brainstorm ideas for specially themed issues. Intern may also accompany our reporters on stories outside the office to gain experience covering high profile events. Internship can be designed to fulfill student's needs and interests to the extent possible. Intern will gain great experience and come away with impressive clips and online posts.

Intern is expected to work between 20 and 30 hours a week and will be paid \$10/hour.

Qualifications: This is not an entry level position. Intern must have already completed basic reporting classes (and ideally an advanced reporting class) and have the ability to write important, and occasionally complex stories in a competitive environment. Basic knowledge of current events and/or interest in government and political science is helpful. Must be able to meet deadlines. We are a small organization and that might require ability to shift between projects at time.

Position requires presence at our Capitol Hill office close to downtown.

Experience gained through our internships has led to future employment by some interns at the *Denver Post* and other major publications. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the goings-on at the state Capitol and politics in general in Colorado.

Application Instructions: Applicant should email resume and cover letter to jody@coloradostatesman.com with "Intern" in the subject.