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## State Capital & Political Reporter

Since 2010, The [Washington State Wire](#) has been one of the primary digital outlets for news and information regarding policy and politics in Washington State. In 2017, the site re-launched with a new web design, weekly and daily email newsletters, and the launch of the annual [Re-Wire Policy Conference](#).

We are seeking a reporter to be based in Olympia, Washington, to cover state-level politics, policy and personalities.

**Job description:** The capital reporter will cover Washington State policy, state agencies, and legislative activity. This will include reporting on the personalities and people that make Olympia work: elected officials, lobbyists, and state agency leadership. The reporter will also write occasional stories for our sister site, [www.stateofreform.com](http://www.stateofreform.com), focused on state health policy.

This position will be based in Olympia with occasional travel throughout the state. Duties for this position include:

- Regular and daily reporting and coverage at WashingtonStateWire.com of news and news releases of about two to three posts per day
- Data aggregation and open-source intelligence collection to support online content
- Research of current policy and market activities with a focus on state government, but which will include federal, regional and local government as it relates to state issues
- Support for the conferences and events sponsored by The Wire, including agenda development, speaker identification and recruitment and other tasks as needed
- Support for and coordination of analysis and coverage of daily and weekly newsletters distributed to email readers
- Lead responsibility for social media at The Wire

**Qualifications:** This position will require a set of diverse skills and the ability to manage multiple types of projects. Please address how you meet these qualifications in your cover letter.

- 5-7 years of progressively challenging duties within a reporting, news, or political/policy analysis position. This could include writing for clients, for a university newspaper or other comparable position.
- A sophisticated level of awareness and understanding of the issues facing Washington state policy makers today. An understanding of tax/revenue policy, health policy, education or environmental policy would be a plus.
- Experience in and ability to continue to learn in the areas of digital media, social media, data analytics, infographics, etc.
- 4-year college graduate with a degree in journalism, public relations, communications, marketing, business administration, political science, economics, international relations, social science or related field; a related graduate degree is helpful
- Excellent writing and verbal communication skills along with a proven ability to develop and maintain strong working relationships with both internal and external stakeholders
- Must be organized and have excellent follow through, a fast learner, be able to handle multiple assignments and enjoy the pressure of a deadline-driven environment.
- Must have advanced problem solving and critical thinking skills. The importance of this piece cannot be overstated.

**To Apply:** This is a full time position. We offer a competitive compensation package, including health care, retirement and paid time off benefits.

Most importantly, this is a work place where the right candidate will enjoy the challenges offered and a culture in which one can flourish as a person. We are building a new kind of journalism and a new kind of civic reporting. And, we want your help to do it.

If you'd like to apply for a position, please send us your resume, and a cover letter to [info@washingtonstatewire.com](mailto:info@washingtonstatewire.com). In your cover letter, tell us how you'd add to the team, and why you are a fit with us. Provide writing samples of between 200 and 600 words. Be prepared to offer references during the interview process.