



Director of Government Relations

About LEV

The League of Education Voters (LEV) is a non-partisan organization that partners with parents, students and civic leaders who believe in a quality education from cradle to career. LEV is the only Washington-based organization working to improve public education from early learning through higher education. We shape the debate, build powerful coalitions, and grow the grassroots to achieve meaningful reform and ample resources for education. Additional information can be found at www.educationvoters.org

About the Position

The Director of Government Relations develops political strategies to achieve policy goals that will make Washington's preschools, public schools, and colleges the best in the nation. To accomplish this, the Director of Government Relations works closely with LEV's CEO, LEV's Policy, Field and Communications teams, as well as LEV external partners and coalitions. The position will require direct lobbying of elected officials, working on electoral and initiative campaigns and working on various state, regional and local task forces. The Director of Government Relations reports to the Chief Executive Officer.

Position Responsibilities

- Build and maintain effective relationships with elected officials at the regional and State level
- Direct lobbying efforts on LEV priorities during regularly scheduled and special legislative sessions.
- Administer LEV's endorsement process for legislative and executive elective contests
- Build effective partnerships and coalitions with individuals and organizations germane to LEV's policy priorities.
- Develop political strategies in support of LEV's priorities at the local, regional and state level
- Facilitate projects involving multiple internal LEV staff, LEV Board and external partners

Required Skills

- Effective communication—orally and in writing
- Facilitation skills and ability to work with multiple stakeholders internally and externally
- Knowledge of and comfort using electronic advocacy tools and technology as required
- A commitment to diversity, ability to work cooperatively and effectively with community partners, staff and volunteers to accomplish program goals



- The ability to think creatively and strategically, work independently and as a team member within deadlines, and prioritize work
- This individual must have strong organizational and networking skills
- Knowledge of public education issues and some familiarity with the local and state legislative and electoral processes in WA
- The position requires flexibility, and strong presentation and interpersonal skills
- It frequently requires decision-making, independent judgment and/or action, creativity, problem analysis, and use of discretion
- Ability to work on multiple projects at once
- Job involves frequent interruptions and travel and will sometimes include evening and weekend meetings

Minimum Qualifications

- Minimum 4 year degree, Masters or other advanced degree preferred
- Experience managing political campaigns
- Polished communications skills, in writing, in person and speaking in public
- Proficiency with modern communication tools

Compensation and Benefits

The salary range for this position is DOE, commensurate with relevant experience. LEV has a generous benefits package that provides fully paid health care, vision and dental, a retirement plan with an employer contribution, and paid vacation, holidays and sick leave.

Employees are also eligible for life insurance, a Flexible Spending Account (FSA), and Long Term Disability Insurance (LTDI). A three month sabbatical is offered after seven years on staff.

To Apply

Please send a resume and cover letter to nancy@educationvoters.org. The position closes Friday, September 9th. No calls, please.

The League of Education Voters is an Equal Opportunity Employer.