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How should students contact you? Email

How do you want students to submit cover letters and resumes? Email attachments

General description of this agency or business.

After working for the Illinois Education Association for 28 years, Paula Johnson Purdue retired, and started her own lobbying firm. Paula is dedicated to providing quality lobbying services to non-profits in a variety of fields to make sure that everyone can have a voice in Springfield.

The firm provides lobbying services in Springfield, political action trainings, legislative trainings, legislative updates, and coalition building skills to all clients.

Here is a quick list of all of our current clients: American Association of University Women, Illinois High School Districts Organization, Illinois Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, Illinois Arborist Association, Illinois Forestry Association, National Board Certified Teachers, United Way of Illinois

Internship or Job Description.

Spring Session Intern: We are looking for a Spring Intern for the legislative session. We are looking for a student who would be interested in getting more hands on experience in politics. The student will spend a majority of the time over at the Capitol, shadowing Paula and Jenni in lobbying activities, and following legislation through the committee process to the floor. Time will also be spent managing the database used for tracking bills. This will be a very hands on experience where you will be out of the office a majority of the time and meeting a lot of new people!

We are looking for someone who has good note-taking abilities, is comfortable learning new database systems, and enjoys learning more about what real lobbying actual is. We also need someone who will want to advocate on behalf of our clients.

Basic student learning anticipated:

Students will get a hands on experience about the Illinois legislative process, and will be able to follow legislation from creation to (hopefully) implementation and will be submersed in the politics of a General Assembly Session. Students will have the opportunity to make many good contacts with lobbyists, House and Senate Staff members, and legislators.

How many hours per week do you anticipate needing the student?

At least 20

When is this position available?

Spring (January-May)

Is this a paid or unpaid position?

Paid Stipend