Job Title: Montana Associated Students (MAS) Lobbyist

Employer: The Montana Associated Students

Description: The MAS Lobbyist is responsible for the proper representation of students, on a statewide level, and their interests in the Montana State Legislature during the 64th Session. The successful candidate will be required to lobby legislators on the legislative priorities approved by MAS. The items that the lobbyist will lobby on will come directly from the Montana Associated Students. The lobbyist will have three to five core issues on which they will work and may receive lesser issues as the session goes on. The lobbyist will help guide the lobbyists from the affiliate campuses of MAS. The lobbyist must live in Helena, Montana, for the entirety of the session (January 1- May 1) the last date may vary by a week depending on the legislature. Housing and utilities will be provided for the lobbyist. The MAS lobbyist will work closely with the other schools student lobbyist. This person will also coordinate and work closely with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education as well as professional lobbyists from the Montana University System. This person will regularly answer and report to MAS, the MAS executive team, and the MAS President. This person will answer directly to the MAS president.

Qualifications: It’s preferred that the applicant has a background in local and state politics with basic knowledge of student issues and the Montana University System. Be convincing and persuasive when it comes to talking with people. Must have strong time management abilities. The successful candidate will be a confident leader and be able to inspire students from all MAS campuses. The lobbyist needs to be self motivated and able to work without immediate supervision. This position requires the lobbyist to make strong relationships with legislators in both the State House of Representatives and State Senate. This person will need to work efficiently and effectively with others, preparing documents to share with MAS affiliates, MUS professional lobbyists and OCHE. Strong public speaking skills and a pleasant demeanor are required. Must have well-developed listening skills and the ability to operate effectively and efficiently in a group setting as well as independently.

Compensation: $10 an Hour

Hours/Week: 40 hours a week. Housing and utilities are paid for.