



Job Description: Organizer Position in LSP's Policy & Organizing Program

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The Land Stewardship Project (LSP) is seeking to hire a community organizer to help advance our work for stewardship of the land and a just farm and food system. The organizing work includes mobilizing farmers, rural residents and others to build power and mount public pressure for stewardship and justice in Minnesota's farm and food system. LSP organizes with a goal of winning public policies that rein in corporate concentration in agriculture, stopping factory farm expansion, and supporting a sustainable, family farm-based food and agriculture system.

Qualifications

Willingness to learn and employ effective grassroots and community organizing skills as part of an organization that has a history and culture of confronting corporate power and the status quo. A commitment to social and racial justice, environmental stewardship, and family farms necessary. Strong communication skills over the phone, in person, and through writing, including e-mail. Must be able to work independently, set goals and be self-motivated. Ability to work within a team, take direction and meet goals and deadlines.

Primary Responsibilities

You will work as part of LSP's Policy and Organizing Program as a community organizer on advancing state campaigns and policy initiatives to win farm and food policy beneficial to the land, family farmers, and rural and urban communities. This work also includes working with LSP members and others to stop factory farm expansions in their community. This work includes recruiting new LSP members with a focus on farmers and rural residents, and assisting in grassroots fundraising and individual giving efforts.

Hours, Location, Supervision & Compensation

This is a full-time salaried organizing position located at the LSP office in South Minneapolis. Evening hours and weekends are part of the work, particularly during organizing drives or around major events. There will be frequent travel in Minnesota and occasionally out-of-state, sometimes necessitating overnight stays, and requiring a car. Compensation is \$30,000 to start with and includes comprehensive health insurance.

The Land Stewardship Project

The Land Stewardship Project is a grassroots membership organization based in Minnesota with a mission of fostering an ethic of stewardship for farmland, promoting sustainable agriculture and developing sustainable communities. The Land Stewardship Project uses a community organizing, education-to-action approach with the goal of achieving major change in our agricultural and food system towards stewardship, justice and community vitality. Our more than 3,900 member-households, including hundreds of farm families, live and work in Minnesota and the Upper Midwest. We are nationally known for our work in community organizing, public policy, beginning farmer training and support, and stopping factory farms. Currently we have three major program areas: Farm Beginnings, Community Based Food Systems, and Policy and Organizing.

To Apply

No later than **March 1, 2016**, submit a resume, a cover letter saying why you are interested in this position, a writing sample, and 2-3 references to: Bobby King at bking@landstewardshipproject.org.