



## LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

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### **JOB DESCRIPTION:**

## **Land Stewardship Project State Policy Community Organizer July 2017**

The Land Stewardship Project (LSP) is seeking to hire an experienced community organizer to help advance our work for stewardship of the land and a just farm and food system. The position will focus on mobilizing farmers, rural residents and others to build power and mount public pressure for stewardship and justice in Minnesota's farm and food system through winning state policies that rein in corporate concentration in agriculture, and that support a sustainable, family farm-based food and agriculture system.

#### **Qualifications:**

- A willingness to employ effective grassroots and community organizing skills as part of LSP's culture as an organization that has a history of confronting corporate power and the status quo.
- A willingness to work evening hours when necessary.
- A passion for social and racial justice, environmental stewardship and family farms necessary, especially in the face of opposition.
- Strong communication skills over the telephone, 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.
- Organizing experience is strongly preferred.

**Primary Responsibilities:** You will work as part of LSP's Policy and Organizing Program as a community organizer on advancing campaigns and policy initiatives to win farm and food policy beneficial to the land, family farmers, and rural and urban communities. This position will focus on advancing policy goals at the state level. 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 and 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 based on experience and includes comprehensive health insurance.

**The Land Stewardship Project** is a grassroots membership organization based in Minnesota with the 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. We have three major program areas: Farm Beginnings, Community Based Food Systems, and Policy and Organizing.

**To apply:** E-mail as a SINGLE document a resume and cover letter saying why you are interested in this position, a writing sample, and 2-3 references to: Bobby King at [bking@landstewardshipproject.org](mailto:bking@landstewardshipproject.org). The subject line of the e-mail should be "Application for State Policy Organizer Position." Applications will be accepted until job is filled.