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LWVMD 2017-18 POLICY EDUCATION & ADVOCACY YOUNG PROFESSIONAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Do you want to learn how to make your state government work for you? Do you want to educate others about important issues happening in the state that can impact us all? LWVMD volunteer policy experts have been perfecting this process for almost 100 years, and we want to share what we've learned with you.

Education

LWVMD puts out 6 issues of the non-partisan, unbiased, legislative analysis publication Report from State Circle (RSC) during the state legislative session to inform the public on what's happening in the MD General Assembly.

Advocacy

These reporters also monitor bills in their issue area for those that align with, or go against LWVMD positions. They are in charge of submitting testimony to support or oppose this legislation when it is heard and voted on by the MDGA. As you can imagine, this is a big responsibility for our volunteer experts.

Your Role

We are looking for young professionals (18-35)
who are interested in collaborating & learning more about:

How the MDGA Works

How to educate others on legislation via legislative reporting

How LWVMD supports positions via testimony, action alerts, & events

Types of Support You Can Provide

Spreading the word on both education and advocacy issues via social media

Attending coalition meetings and collaborating on advocacy efforts

Creative ideas raising interest and spreading information to the public



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Program Details

This is the first program of its kind for LWVMD, so you have an opportunity to mold this role and make it your own, in coordination with the LWVMD resident expert. Hours dedicated will vary dependent upon issue activity and volunteer availability.

This Program Would Run from November to the beginning of May (November is when RSC Reporters meet and plan for the Legislative Session that starts in January. Session ends in April.) There may be some travel to Annapolis required, but much of the coordination can be done remotely.

Program Layout

- You will begin your work with your LWVMD Expert by learning about LWVMD Positions in your Issue Area.
- You may attend coalition meetings (either in person, or by phone), and other events related to your issue in the state
- You will help track legislation and provide support drafting RSC articles & testimony
- You will help to push out Action Alerts on specific bills via Facebook, Twitter, and LWVMD.org web communications
- At the end of session, you will provide a closing report on the work done in your issue area, and provide recommendations based on your experience for the following year's legislative session

Issue Areas Available

Campaign Finance - Meeting Basic Human Needs - Transportation (Metro Funding) - Juvenile Corrections - Children Services - Redistricting Reform

To Apply: Please send Resume & Cover Letter to stateoffice@lwvmd.org with the subject line YPVP - "Your Selected Issue Area"