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Advocacy Intern

Position Title: Advocacy Intern
Status: Part-time volunteer position
Location: Des Moines, Iowa
Reports to: Government Relations Manager

About the Iowa Environmental Council: Founded in 1995, the Iowa Environmental Council is the largest and most comprehensive environmental coalition in the state. We are a nonpartisan alliance of diverse organizations and individuals working together to protect and preserve Iowa's environment. Together, we unify Iowans to advocate for clean water & land stewardship, clean energy, and a healthy climate.

Position Summary: The Advocacy Intern will assist the Manager of Government Affairs in all aspects of IEC's advocacy strategy. This includes outreach, collaboration with member organizations, research and policy development.

Specific duties may include:

- Assistance with outreach projects directed by the Council and led by outside coalitions
- Developing "Report Cards" for select candidates and elected officials
- Assistance with development of advocacy materials for legislative and public audiences
- Policy research regarding water quality, clean energy and other issues
- Assisting the Government Affairs Manager with preparation for Legislative Session
- Attending meetings with member organizations and policy groups

Qualifications and desirable qualities

- At least three years of coursework towards a Bachelor's Degree in political science, law, communications, environmental science or related field
- Excellent communications and writing skills
- Knowledge of the Iowa legislative process and landscape
- Experience with political or issue-based campaigning
- Self-motivation and flexibility. The ability to organize workload and work independently in a multi-project environment and conduct oneself in a professional manner
- Commitment to and enthusiasm for protecting Iowa's environment

This is an unpaid, volunteer position. Hours can range based on availability but will generally be around 16 hours per week.

Qualified candidates should send their cover letter and resume to Judy Downs, Development Director at Iowa Environmental Council, 521 East Locust, Suite 220, Des Moines, IA 50309-1939, EMAIL downs@iaenvironment.org