

Iowa Starting Line Editor Job Posting



Editor Position

Iowa Starting Line is adding to its staff this year, bringing on several positions to better cover Iowa news and politics, with a focus on building up a new, broader audience of Iowa readers.

We will be hiring an editor to manage the day-to-day news operations of Starting Line, managing a team of reporters and digital content producers to cover state and federal politics and general Iowa news. This role will also help develop the overall strategy of the news outlet in building new audiences, expanding our social media presence and developing partnerships throughout the state.

Job Responsibilities

- Oversee the newsroom staff, direct and coordinate news coverage, manage workflow, implement and track deadlines, provide overall guidance to reporters.
- Coordinate closely with the managing editor to develop the overall mission for the news site.
- Regularly edit stories, format them for social media and implement an overall style guide for the site.
- Work closely with the entire team to coordinate photos, videos and written copy from stories or events and turn them into social media content.
- Closely track analytics for the website and social media accounts, providing feedback to other team members on how their stories are performing and provide ideas on how to make them spread further.
- Oversee and direct any freelance or part-time staffers.
- Engage with our readership online with social media.
- Write occasional stories for the website, including some political analysis pieces.

Timeline/Location

Hiring for this position can be immediate. Some new positions will be on a rolling basis later this year.

Location will be Des Moines. Applicants do not need to currently reside in Iowa, and some initial work may be done remotely, but living in Iowa as soon as possible is the goal. Work at an in-person office will resume once the public health situation allows for it.

Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in journalism or a similar amount of work experience in a communications field.
- At least four years of newsroom experience. Management experience is helpful.
- Very strong understanding of reporting practices, ethics, grammar, style, sourcing, copy-editing, and accuracy in quoting.
- Flexibility to work some nights and weekends and travel in-state.
- Very strong ability to work independently and propose own stories.
- Strong prior understanding of Iowa politics is very helpful.
- Reliable transportation necessary.

Pay And Benefits

\$70,000 - \$75,000/year, based on experience. Paid time off, health care benefits and flexible work planning.

About Iowa Starting Line

Founded in 2015, Iowa Starting Line is the most-read independent online news outlet in the state. We cover Iowa politics from a progressive viewpoint, with a past focus on the Iowa Caucus (read more about our story [in our New York Times profile](#)).

Based out of Des Moines, we're a newsroom that expanded significantly in 2019. Since then, we have grown our focus from Iowa politics to include more local reporting, coverage of immigrant communities and in-depth policy topics.

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