Position Posting

Communications Specialist

MINNESOTA VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

The **Communications Specialist** is an experienced writer and creative storyteller working in a fast-paced environment, supporting the development and implementation of the marketing and communication department's internal and external communications and content management for various platforms, while promoting MVEC's mission and vision.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Creates editorial plans, researches and writes member-facing copy for various communication channels and materials
- Provides internal and external communication support across the cooperative with measurable objectives
- Assists Communications Supervisor with crisis communication efforts including outage reporting during and after work hours, as needed
- Coordinates communications and promotion of the cooperative's scholarship program
- Creates press guides, media releases and advertising initiatives and maintains routine relationships with media contacts
- Works with Supervisor and other team members on coordinated department strategy
- Responsible for social media marketing to grow high-quality followers and build engagement across social channels
- Lives the Spirit of Our Cooperative

Required Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in English, Journalism, Communications or related field
- Four years of active writing experience from human interest story-telling to press releases
- Strong communication skills; experience with crafting engaging messages and stories
- Excellent speaking, spelling and grammar skills
- Experience in developing strategic message plan for multiple audiences and channels
- Motivated self-starter who works well independently and as part of a team
- High degree of professionalism and organizational skills to manage multiple projects
- Comfortable networking with cooperative peers and attend industry continuing education
- Experience with photography, Microsoft Suite and desktop publishing software
- Ability to work accurately and consistently to meet deadlines

Preferred Qualifications:

- Newspaper reporting or similar experience; familiar with AP Style
- Experience working with media and/or local and state government entities

Applicant must be committed to providing service beyond members' expectations and lead by example. To apply, please send your resume to <u>jobs@mvec.net</u>. **Preference to applicants that apply by Sunday,** September 25th, 2022.

Equal Opportunity Employer

Our Mission: To create exceptional member experiences, while safely providing reliable energy at cost.