

NSAC Grassroots Fellowship: Fall 2016 - Spring 2017 Posting

Interested in learning what it takes to fix federal food and farm policy? Want to help build national grassroots campaigns around issues like farm to school, local food, beginning farmers, and more?

The **National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition** (NSAC) is currently seeking a Grassroots Fellow for 2016-2017, beginning in September 2016 and ending in May 2017. This nine-month fellowship position is paid, full time, and located at NSAC's DC office on Capitol Hill.

NSAC is the leading advocacy organization for federal policy that supports sustainable agriculture and food systems. We work with our 100+ member organizations around the country to empower grassroots voices – including farmers and eaters – for positive change. We work towards the vision of a safe, nutritious, and affordable food supply produced by diverse family farmers who make a decent living pursuing their trade, while sustaining the environment and contributing to the strength of their communities.

Position Description

NSAC's Grassroots Fellow will work closely with NSAC's grassroots and policy staff on a full range of daily activities in our fast-paced DC office, with a focus on several active grassroots advocacy campaigns. Tasks will include:

- Developing creative, impactful outreach and engagement tools for farmers and consumers – including digital and multimedia materials – around a range of issues and campaigns, including farm to school, working lands conservation, beginning farmer issues, sustainable ag research, and much more;
- Assisting NSAC staff and coalition members with organizing and using shared resources, information, and tools in grassroots outreach and advocacy campaigns
- Conducting research, analysis, and interviews to support advocacy campaigns;
- Assisting with planning and execution of NSAC events, including farmer/advocate lobby days in Washington, DC;
- Drafting blog posts, social media posts, advocacy messages, and other materials;
- Assisting with other projects and assignments as needed.

Qualifications

- An understanding of and passion for sustainable food and farms
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Experience with community organizing and grassroots capacity building efforts
- Experience working with diverse communities
- Ability to both work independently and be a good team player
- Self-motivated, organized, and able to stay on task when managing multiple projects
- Graphic design experience and knowledge of Adobe CreativeSuite and HTML a plus but not required

Application

Please send resume, cover letter (including an explanation of your interests in sustainable agriculture and grassroots organizing), and the names and contact information for two references to info@sustainableagriculture.net with "Grassroots Fellowship" in the email subject line. **No phone calls, please.**

NSAC is an equal opportunity employer. We actively encourage people of color to apply for this position.