

Great West Media

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Alberta Rural Affairs Reporter – LJI Program

Description

Are you a naturally curious self-starter who loves to get to the bottom of a story? Do you love breaking news and diving deep into long features?

The award-winning Great West Media community news chain is looking for an Alberta rural affairs reporter to track patterns and write about trends in rural communities across the province. The position doesn't cover just one community, but rather keeps an eye on rural issues across the province.

This position is part of the local journalism initiative (LJI) program. The LJI program requires all of a reporter's material to be published through the Canada Press portal and news organizations across Canada have the ability to run LJI stories in their publications.

Responsibilities

Who are you?

- You understand writing for both print and digital platforms and are interested in drawing readers into a story
- You are a self-starter and naturally curious, who can easily generate story ideas
- The successful candidate will need to be able to work in a fast-paced newsroom and keep Albertans up to date with the most recent breaking news
- You are innovative and are willing to think outside of the box and try new things
- You love telling stories and will use photography and video to support your writing
- You have a digital-first mindset, as the news doesn't wait for the paper to get published
- You have a vehicle and enthusiasm for the industry
- A degree in journalism or communications would be preferred but not necessary. Attitude and enthusiasm are the most important qualities in this role.

The successful candidate in this role will thrive writing stories for our weekly newspapers across Alberta while also keeping Albertans up to date with the most recent news in the province through our digital platform and daily newsletters. You will be pitching, sourcing, researching, and writing both long-form and short articles for our platforms.

Contacts

To apply please send a resume, references, a cover letter and three writing samples to:

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Hiring organization

Great West Media

Employment Type

Full-time

Job Location

St. Albert, Alberta

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