



**Job Title:** Vice President of Government Affairs

**Department:** Government Affairs

**Reports to:** President & CEO

**Date:** May 5, 2016

The Sportsmen's Alliance is seeking a Vice President of Government Affairs to lead the organization's policy efforts. This person should have a demonstrated track record of performance in public policy, lobbying, legal strategy, grassroots advocacy and campaign management. The VP of Government Affairs is responsible for developing, coordinating and implementing legislative and legal strategies/campaigns to advance the mission of the Sportsmen's Alliance and Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation. A successful candidate should be a forward-looking individual, who is able to lead the organization's strategic policy objectives. In addition, qualified candidates must also possess a strong work ethics, experienced management abilities and dynamic written and verbal communications abilities.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Directs the operations of three Government Affairs divisions (Federal Affairs, Litigation, and State Services).
- Designs and manages the organization's federal, state, and legal policy agendas.
- Manages major issue campaigns within the three departments.
- Develops and articulates the issue positions of the organization under the guidance of the President and CEO.
- Assists with fundraising operations in support of issues and project work.
- Develops and manages partnerships with strategic funding partners, volunteer sources, and state wildlife agencies to implement the organization's policy agenda.
- Helps develop messages promoting the organization to sportsmen and women, the media and government officials.
- Advises the President and CEO on key issues impacting hunting, fishing, trapping and sportsmen.
- Provides information and serves as a spokesperson regarding the organization's work to the Board of Directors/Trustees, donors, members, media, partner organizations and the public.
- Manages 1-3 direct reports and directs outside consultants to accomplish organizations Government Affairs goals.

Qualifications:

The VP of Government Affairs should have a bachelor's degree or higher in political science, public policy, public administration, fish and wildlife management, natural resources management or related field and 7-10 years of progressively responsible experience. A J.D. would be beneficial, but is not required. Experience partnering with an executive team and high level written and verbal communications skills are necessary, as is the ability to manage multiple efforts simultaneously. Experience managing staff, contractors, and volunteers is critical.

Other Requirements:

A passion for hunting, fishing and trapping is essential. An entrepreneurial and self-management personality along with a desire to win and help advance a growing organization in an exciting and fast-paced environment is necessary. A willingness to lead by working with the executive management team to guide the organizations key policy initiatives is required.

Contact Information:

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, salary requirements and references to: Evan Heusinkveld, Sportsmen's Alliance, 801 Kingsmill Pkwy, Columbus, Ohio 43229 or via email at [evanh@sportsmensalliance.org](mailto:evanh@sportsmensalliance.org).

Submissions should be received by June 3rd.