

Michigan Agri-Business Association

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Public Policy and Communications Intern, Summer 2023

Organization Overview

Based in Lansing, MI, the Michigan Agri-Business Association is a strong voice and dedicated advocate for Michigan agriculture. MABA represents nearly 300 businesses spanning ag retail, seed, fertilizer, and crop protection businesses; grain handlers; feed suppliers and food processors; truck and rail transportation providers, utility services and beyond. We offer a range of networking events in the agricultural industry, support our members with continuing education, and advocate for our member businesses before the Michigan Legislature, departments of state government, Congress and federal agencies.

MABA will host one intern for Summer 2023 to assist our team with a range of membership support, advocacy and communication activities. This is a unique internship opportunity tailored for an emerging leader interested in agriculture and related industries, and/or Michigan government.

Position Description

Objective: To help advance the Michigan Agri-Business Association and Michigan's agriculture industry, while gaining critical communication and public policy skills.

Functions:

- Assist MABA staff with general administration and event execution duties.
- Join MABA leadership, staff and members at events in Lansing and across the state, providing staff support for our member engagement activities.
- Support MABA's legislative engagement, including assistance with preparation for legislative hearings and meetings conducted by MABA staff and members.
- Lead a review of MABA's website and member engagement database.
- Additional projects will be tailored to your interests and availability.

Schedule: 20 to 40 hours weekly dependent upon your schedule. Start and end dates to be determined alongside your schedule.

Compensation: This is a paid internship at an hourly rate of \$15.00.

Qualifications & Skills

- Must have completed two full years of post-high school education by the time the internship starts and bring a demonstrated interest in agriculture, related industries and/or Michigan government.
- Must commit to at least 20 hours weekly during the internship period.
- Experience with all Microsoft Office products is required.
- Database and data organization experience is ideal but not required.
- Prior employment/internship experience in the agribusiness sector, or volunteer/intern experience related to government or political campaigns, is ideal but not required.

How to Apply

Submit a resume and short cover letter by email to maba@miagbiz.org. Please clearly state your goals for an internship at MABA. Include your availability (including any Summer 2023 dates you are unavailable) and potential start date in your cover letter. For more information contact Grace Smith at grace@miagbiz.org. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled and will be accepted no later than January 31, 2023. We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible.