

AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT

An Agriculture Legislative Assistant serves as an agricultural policy expert for local, state, or federal elected or appointed officials within a congressional or administrative office. They assist in managing various aspects of the officials' agriculture portfolio or other issues relating to the agricultural industry – including, but not limited to: agriculture, energy, environmental sciences, food, young and beginning farmers, commodities, etc.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Be familiar with legislative administrative and judicial systems
- Maintain a working knowledge of legislative documents, legislation, policies, and initiatives
- Track advancement of related bills through the legislative process
- Conduct research to make sound legislative recommendations or implementations to officials or other working counterparts
- Garner support for the legislation and coordinate introduction of bills
- Brief the official on such subject matter and prepare him or her for official remarks and appearances, votes, programmatic logistics, and/or policy implementation work
- Respond to constituents via phone, email, or in written form in a timely, professional manner, regarding their needs or concerns
- Occasionally attend events alongside of the official representative



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

A Bachelor's degree in a related ag field, political science, law, journalism, or public relations

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, civics, economic courses, government, business courses

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Local, state or federal elected or appointed officials within a congressional or administration office

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Association of Government Relations Professionals
- State Agribusiness Associations
- Partisan Congressional Committees

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

No salary information available