

The Michigan Campaign Finance Network (MCFN), a 26-year-old nonpartisan nonprofit dedicated to tracking and chronicling the influence of money in Michigan politics, seeks a new executive director.

This is an opportunity for a skilled journalist or policy professional eager to make an impact on a nuanced issue at the forefront of U.S. politics that transcends traditional partisan divisions.

In this role you will produce independent investigative journalism, become the state's most prominent voice regarding campaign finance and government ethics, and act as an educational resource for the public, the media and policymakers. The executive director is the chief architect of the organization's development as well as the manager of its daily operations.

An ideal candidate will possess at least some of the following qualifications:

- Familiarity with U.S. and Michigan elections, politics and the policy process.
- 2-5 years writing for a public audience, particularly in the above areas, or other experience in professional communication.
- Experience transforming and analyzing large datasets — then deriving narratives from and visualizing that information.
- An understanding of programming principles, particularly in Python, or an openness to learning.
- A degree in journalism, public policy, political science, a related field or equivalent experience.
- Experience with fundraising, grant writing and/or nonprofit administration. Comfortability with Quickbooks and Little Green Light is a plus.

Applicants who can demonstrate the following traits will be given highest preference:

- A passion for issues surrounding money in politics, government ethics and transparency.
- An ability to thrive in a work environment with a large degree of independence but varied responsibilities.
- Comfort with public speaking and being frequently quoted in the news.
- Tech savviness and an eagerness to learn new skills independently.
- Out-of-the-box thinking for approaches to advancing MCFN's mission.
- The ability to remain independent in a politically charged environment. MCFN does not lobby.

These are lists of desired qualities and applicants need not meet all these criteria to apply.

To apply, send a cover letter, resume and references to jobs@mcfn.org. The job is based in Michigan with relocation to Lansing preferred. Compensation will be commensurate with experience. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed in the order they are received.

MCFN is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities. If you need assistance applying online, please e-mail mcfn@mcfn.org and include

“Accommodation” in the subject line. If you are selected for an interview, you will receive additional information regarding how to request accommodation for the interview process.

MCFN is an equal opportunity employer. We value diversity and an inclusive culture. MCFN strongly encourages applications from all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, national origin, marital status, disability, veteran status, record of arrest or conviction and any other characteristic protected by applicable law.