

United Spinal Association has an open position for a Director, Advocacy & Policy in its Washington, DC office

United Spinal Association seeks a Director, Advocacy & Policy to work with an energetic and dedicated team. This position reports to the Vice President, Government Relations. Director will assist in promoting the association's advocacy and policy priorities for individuals with disabilities, including veterans, in the following areas: healthcare, transportation, employment, disability rights, independent living and community integration and social security and veterans benefits. This position is full-time and is based in our Washington, DC office.

How to Apply:

Candidates should send cover letter, résumé, a short writing sample to jobs@unitedspinal.org with "Director, Advocacy & Policy" in the subject line. United Spinal is an equal opportunity employer. People with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Qualifications:

Qualified candidates must possess a Bachelor's or Master's degree in political science/government relations, public policy or public health or related field with excellent writing and communication skills, a demonstrated interest in advocacy and a proven ability to multi-task. Activity in the disability community, experience on Capitol Hill or federal agencies and/or service in the U.S. Armed Forces is preferred. Master's degree and several years of prior work experience is preferred.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide guidance and direction on disability rights issues including healthcare, transportation, employment, veterans issues.
- Engage in regular dialogue with Congressional offices and Federal agencies.
- Attend and report on Congressional briefings, hearings and other relevant meetings as well as track legislation and regulatory issues.
- Provide regular communications and updates to United Spinal leadership and members on legislative and regulatory developments.
- Represent United Spinal in Washington D.C. (with some options for travel outside of D.C. perhaps twice a year) and be prepared for Congressional and media inquiries on legislative priorities.
- Provide planning and program support for annual policy and advocacy conference, Roll on Capitol Hill.
- Respond to inquiries from members and non-members alike on disability policy and advocacy issues.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Hours/Benefits:

- Full-time – 35 hours/week minimum.
- We offer a comprehensive employee benefits package, including health insurance, dental, basic life and long-term disability, 401(k) and paid time off.
- Salary - \$55,000/year

ABOUT UNITED SPINAL ASSOCIATION

United Spinal Association is the largest non-profit organization, founded by paralyzed veterans, dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of all people living with spinal cord injuries and disorders (SCI/D), including veterans, and providing support and information to loved ones, care providers and professionals. United Spinal has over 70 years of experience educating and empowering approximately 2.5 million individuals with SCI/D to achieve and maintain the highest levels of independence, health and personal fulfillment. United Spinal has over 50,000 members, 54 chapters, close to 200 support groups and more than 100 rehabilitation facilities and hospital partners nationwide including 10 distinguished Spinal Cord Injury Model System Centers that support innovative projects and research in the field of SCI. United Spinal Association is also a VA-accredited veterans service organization (VSO) serving veterans with disabilities of all kinds. www.unitedspinal.org