

Join the Daily Yonder's growing team of rural storytellers and media professionals as a Rural Reporting Fellow.

Here's the deal.

Who We Are

[The Daily Yonder](#) is a digital media organization dedicated to telling the stories of rural communities and small towns across America (and beyond).

Our team produces news reporting, features, analysis, commentary, and more. We provide an online platform for authentic, grounded depictions of rural life. Daily Yonder stories go beyond tropes, clichés, and the view from afar. They showcase an asset-based vision of rural, defined by diversity, resilience, creativity, and community spirit.

What We Need

Aspiring journalists and media strategists to join our newsroom ranks. Skilled writers and storytellers, with a savvy for online news and an interest in rural issues and perspectives.

Who You Might Be

An emerging professional or student eager to sharpen their craft as a journalist and build a portfolio of published work. A rural resident holding down their holler or prairie, a “small-town kid” with rural roots, or an ally with a passion or curiosity for rural (personal or professional).

How to Apply

Email a résumé and a writing sample to news@dailyyonder.com.

What Else You Might Like to Know

Our staff (and contractors) are located in numerous places across the country. Today and in the pre-Covid era we have relied on a remote workforce. We are committed to building an inclusive team that reflects and champions the full diversity of rural communities and our nation at large.

The hiring organization is our publisher, the [Center for Rural Strategies](#), a national nonprofit that uses communications and media to improve conditions in the countryside. In addition to publishing the Daily Yonder, Rural Strategies also serves as coordinator of the [Rural Assembly](#), a nationwide coalition of rural problem-solvers, policymakers, and change-agents.

For all the details, please see the full position description below.

Job Description: Rural Reporting Fellow

Center for Rural Strategies / The Daily Yonder

www.ruralstrategies.org / www.dailyyonder.com

The Center for Rural Strategies seeks Rural Reporting Fellows for the Daily Yonder, its nonprofit media venture that provides news, features, and analysis about and for rural communities across America (and beyond). This fellowship is for a term of approximately 12 weeks, to be coordinated with the selected candidate and the placement organization (where applicable).

Job Description

Rural Reporting Fellows will write and report for rural audiences around the world. They will identify and seek out compelling stories that reflect diverse rural landscapes and people.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Writing and reporting pieces for publication on the web, including news, features, analysis, commentary, and more.
- Helping manage and post content to the web and other platforms using content management systems such as WordPress.
- Supporting production of graphics, illustrations, charts, maps, and other multimedia items to accompany stories.
- Assisting with cultivation of pitches and editing of submissions from contributors.
- Contributing to other efforts of newsroom staff as needed.

Job Requirements

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Knowledge of, or commitment to learn about, diverse rural people, places, and policies.
- Commitment to continued professional development and learning.

Qualifications

- One to two years of experience in communications, journalism, research, or a related field (preferred). Internships, student work, freelance or volunteer positions, and other similar experiences are suitable to address this requirement.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate complex information in a manner that is accurate, accessible and appealing to general audiences.
- Ability to thrive in a dynamic work environment that requires both collaboration and individual initiative.
- College degree in journalism, communications, media, marketing, or related field (preferred), **or in pursuit of such.**

Location

The Center for Rural Strategies has staff and offices located in Whitesburg, Kentucky, Knoxville, Tennessee, Athens, Tennessee, Minneapolis/Saint Paul, Minnesota, and Roseburg, Oregon. Working from a remote location is permitted and managed on a case-by-case basis. Under normal conditions, the job may require some regional and national travel. Additional travel may be necessary if the reporting fellow works from a remote location.

Compensation

- Competitive non-profit pay (where applicable).
- Flexible work environment and room to grow.

Organizational Structure and Values

- Rural Strategies values inclusion and encourages candidates from diverse backgrounds.
- Rural Strategies maintains a small core staff and works collaboratively with a wide range of partner organizations, independent contractors, and other allies to accomplish its mission.
- Rural Strategies uses a collaborative style of program and staff management. Our staff works closely with each other and with outside entities. The ability to maintain good professional relationships and to represent the organization appropriately in a variety of settings are attributes we value in all staff.

The Center for Rural Strategies does not discriminate based on race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or veteran status.