



Government Relations Intern

GENERAL INFORMATION:

DIVISION: Rocky Mountain Farmers Union

REPORTS TO: Director of Federal Government Relations and Director of State Government Relations

SALARY RANGE: \$20/hour

INTERNSHIP SCHEDULE: June – December, with the opportunity to extend to January – May

APPLICATION REVIEW: Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with initial review beginning on May 20, 2026.

ABOUT RMFU:

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union (RMFU) is a grassroots membership organization representing family farmers, ranchers, cooperatives, and rural communities across Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming. Founded on the principles of education, cooperation, and legislation, RMFU advocates for policies that strengthen independent agriculture, expand economic opportunity, and sustain rural communities.

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union is seeking a motivated, professional, and detail-oriented Government Relations Intern to support state and federal advocacy efforts. This position offers hands-on experience in legislative affairs and agricultural policy.

The Government Relations Intern will work directly with the Government Relations staff to complete projects for the department. The intern will help produce and manage deliverables for member-driven policy that promotes (RMFU) and the interests of all family farmers.

The intern will report to the Director of Federal Government Relations on Federal issues from June through the beginning of September and then reports to the Director of State Government Relations from September through December.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist on multiple meetings to teach Parliamentary Procedure basics to RMFU members.
- Aid in the tracking the movement of legislations, rules and policies that impact agriculture.
- Monitor legislation, hearings, amendments, and regulatory activities related to agriculture, water, conservation, labor, and rural development.

- Assist GR staff with research topics from the RMFU 2026 Special Orders of Business.
- Assist with outreach to legislators, agencies, coalition partners, and RMFU members.
- Support planning and execution of lobby days, member fly-ins, conferences, and advocacy events.
- Maintain legislative calendars, databases, stakeholder lists, and issue trackers.
- Research emerging policy issues affecting producers in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming.
- Coordinate with communications staff on newsletters, action alerts, and policy updates.
- Attend hearings, meetings, and stakeholder events as assigned.
- Assisting with event coordination and general administrative duties of the department.
- Assist with miscellaneous office tasks and projects as needed.

OTHER DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Serve as a member of the RMFU team, participate in staff meetings, training programs, and contribute to the overall success of the organization.
- Support additional tasks as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Interest in government and legislative affairs.
- Detail oriented and have the ability to complete projects in the agreed upon time.
- Excellent research, writing and interpersonal skills.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Interest in a career in law, politics, agriculture policy, lobbying, or public affairs.
- Familiarity with legislative processes preferred.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

Required Qualifications

Education

- Enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program.

Desired Qualifications

Experience

- Experience in agriculture or political science preferred.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT/PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES:

- Requires the extensive use of arms, hands, and fingers.
- Frequently required to sit for extended periods of time, reach with arms and hands, talk, see, and hear, and the ability to lift up to 30 pounds.
- Position is designated as field staff, with limited in-office days, and some evening and weekends, with travel to camps and events required. **Potential candidates must be able to be in-office in the Denver Tech Center twice monthly (can be negotiated).**

WHAT YOU WILL GAIN:

- Direct experience in state and federal government relations.
- Exposure to legislative strategy and policy development.
- Opportunities to engage with elected officials.
- Mentorship from experienced advocacy professionals.
- Paid trip to D.C. in September for the National Farmers Union Fly-In.

Note: We encourage anyone to apply who believes that they have the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to succeed in this role.

TO APPLY: Please submit Cover Letter (1 page) and Resume to both emily.paul@rmfu.org and madeline.robertson@rmfu.org