KSJD News Director/Morning Edition Host

KSJD’s mission is to inform, entertain, and empower the people of the Four Corners region through arts, culture, news, and public media service.

Position Summary:
KSJD Community Radio in Cortez, CO, is seeking a full-time News Director to be the local host of NPR’s Morning Edition from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on weekdays and to produce local news and interviews for broadcast and web. This is a great starting position for a motivated reporter who wants to learn all aspects of a small newsroom.

Preferred Experience, Skills, and Abilities:
● Journalism experience and/or a Bachelor’s degree in a related field
● Experience producing broadcast and online news media
● On-air and live radio interviewing experience
● Demonstrated ability to work independently in a fast-paced, dynamic environment
● Familiarity and interest in covering local news and events
● Desire to grow news department that covers and collaborates with partner outlets on local, regional, and statewide news
● Knowledge of and/or interest in issues relating to the rural Intermountain West
● Occasional event work at our in-house community theatre to host forums, Q&A’s, etc.

Work Environment and Physical Demands:
The work environment and physical demands described below represent those an employee would encounter while performing the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable those with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this position, the employee is generally inside in a quiet environment. Some tasks will take place outdoors.

Physical demands include the following:
● Ability to lift or move up to 20 lbs with an occasional need to lift up to 50 lbs.
● Use of computer keyboard and telephone unassisted.
● Effective verbal and hearing abilities.
● Vision ability includes: close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to focus.
● Ability to drive a motor vehicle for travel to training, field interviews, meetings, and events.
● Ability to sit, use hands for computer and office duties, stand for presentations.
● Ability to navigate multiple floors using stairwells.
**Annual Salary**: $40,000-$44,000, depending on experience.

**Benefits**: 401K match and QSEHRA health benefit

**To Apply:**
Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. For best consideration, apply by **September 9, 2022**. The following documents and attachments are required:

1. A cover letter demonstrating your passion for this role and that addresses the following question, “As News Director, what do you see as public media’s role in a rural community over the next 3-5 years?”
2. Resume
3. At least three professional references
4. Links to at least two news stories or interviews you worked on, along with descriptions detailing your role in the piece (This may be included as a separate document in your application materials)

The reporter position also comes with incredible opportunities to experience all that Southwest Colorado and the Four Corners have to offer, whether while reporting in the field or exploring for fun. Hiking national parks in the summer, exploring archaeological sites, and digging into the rich culture and history of the Four Corners are all within a quick drive from the Cortez.

The Open Media Foundation is recruiting on behalf of **KSJD Community Radio**. Please send your cover letter, resume, references, and links of your work to careers@openmediafoundation.org with "KSJD News Director" in the subject line. The application deadline is 30 days from the date of this job announcement.

**COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND RACIAL EQUITY**
KSJD is an equal opportunity employer. We are dedicated to building a culturally diverse staff and creating a working environment that promotes racial equity and inclusiveness. We believe attracting and retaining diverse staff is crucial to serving our community and fulfilling our mission. Women, Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+ individuals, people with disabilities and veterans are highly encouraged to apply.