

Job Title: REPORTERS- 2 POSITIONS

Reports to: MANAGING EDITOR-CONTENT GENERATION

Department: EDITORIAL

Job Purpose: To cover events, write and submit factual and balanced stories in the assigned beat / title for publication within set deadlines.

Main Responsibilities:

- Develops reports and writes news for the assigned title / beat in finished form, so that no major rewrite is required or no extensive additional report is needed.
- Takes notes on location, carries out interviews, checks facts and tape records as the case may be; writes news on own initiative, choice and judgment or at the direction of the Editor.
- Ensures that the material written reflects a thorough understanding of the MPL's style of journalism as defined in the editorial policy guidelines and objectives, the house style and the journalistic code of ethical journalism.
- Researches and provides background information to make copy complete.
- Briefs the editor on stories gathered and writes the selected ones within set deadlines.
- Follows news leads and maintains close contacts with news sources.
- Continually builds his/her contacts list and demonstrate its value with consistent exclusive reports or information.
- Responds promptly to breaking news.
- Is primarily responsible for the correctness of facts, content and style of his/her news materials.
- Closely co-operates with photographers from whom he/she orders pictures on the issues he/she covers.
- Performs both independently and under supervision in accordance with general principles and directives.

Qualifications & Experience:

- **Academic:** University Degree in Mass Communication or any related field from an accredited institution.
- **Professional:** Diploma in Journalism
- **Experience:** 1 to 2 years daily newsroom experience, with emphasis on writing and/or reporting

Core Competencies

- Passion for writing coupled with a keen news sense
- Possesses broad knowledge of local and regional issues and/or depth of knowledge in beat specialty.
- Ability to work accurately and under pressure
- Deadline driven
- Computer literate
- Must have a good eye for detail
- Excellent spelling, grammar and punctuation skills.
- Must be able to deal effectively with simultaneous tasks.

If you believe that you are our ideal candidate, please submit your application, detailed CV and academic documents with a daytime telephone number by 21st July 2017 to: resourcing@ug.nationmedia.com

Please Note that only short listed candidates will be contacted.