

CAMPAIGN FOR FISCAL EQUITY

Director of Policy

The mission of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, Inc. (CFE) is to ensure that New York's public school children are provided with their constitutional right to the opportunity for a sound basic education. This entails ensuring that our public schools have the resources they need to provide the court-mandated opportunity. CFE is a \$1 million 501(c)3 organization with five full-time staff members. We are committed to diversity in our hiring and staffing.

Originally, CFE's work was focused on the landmark *CFE v State of New York* lawsuit which challenged the state's school finance system. After 14 years in the courts, in 2006 the state's highest court confirmed that the state must provide its children with the opportunity to receive a sound basic education, defined as a meaningful high school education that prepares students for competitive employment and civic participation.

Working with a broad-based coalition, CFE turned the lawsuit into a law benefitting public school students throughout New York State: the Education Budget and Reform Act of 2007-2008. Ensuring full implementation of the legislation's massive school finance and accountability reforms will now be one of the organization's main focuses. CFE's public policy research and analyses provide policymakers, the press and the public with in-depth, fact-based – and actionable - reports to make informed decisions on the important policy questions raised by the addition of new operating and capital resources and accountability measures.

The Director of Policy reports to the Executive and Deputy Directors and is responsible for supporting the development and helping manage all aspects of CFE's public policy agenda.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide input in shaping and achieving CFE's policy goals and strategies
- Conduct policy research and analysis on education issues
- Design studies and advocacy campaigns focused on school reform issues
- Monitor and develop initiatives, analyses, responses, testimony, and other written materials in legislative and regulatory matters
- Develop content for media placement, public education materials and briefings
- Assist in development and implementation of CFE communication strategy
- Draft press releases, op-ed pieces, and letters to the editor for local and national publications and electronic media
- Foster and maintain relationships with relevant journalists and media outlets
- Provide content for CFE website, newsletters and special publications
- Participate in educational equity coalitions

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's Degree (Master's Degree preferred)
- Direct and significant experience (five years) analyzing and developing public policy and communication on public education issues

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QUALIFICATIONS (continued)

- Excellent research skills (paper and electronic) and ability to synthesize information quickly with high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Superior communication skills, both oral and written, including editing skills
- Ability to multi-task and problem solve, prioritizing tasks to effectively meet deadlines, experience in project management
- Self –motivated with ability to work independently and as a member of a team
- Computer proficiency in Microsoft Office applications, including Excel and Access

E-mail resume with cover letter including salary requirement and a writing sample

by 4/30/08 to Jean Laopus, jlaopus@cfequity.org

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. No phone calls, please.

The Campaign for Fiscal Equity is an equal opportunity employer.

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