



Bridge Michigan, Michigan's preeminent online news site, seeks an **education reporter** to cover the most important K-12 and higher education issues across the state.

The successful candidate is passionate about telling people-centered stories on the schools and policies that help — and hurt — student achievement. If you've covered education before, terrific; if you haven't, that's not an obstacle. What's important is a demonstrated ability to translate jargon and policy minutiae into accessible and compelling narratives on our educational system.

Education is a cornerstone topic for Bridge. We will provide tons of support and the space to produce the best stories of your career. You will collaborate at times with a K-12 policy reporter, Tracie Mauriello, who writes for both Bridge and Chalkbeat Detroit. You will also benefit from the experience and sourcing network of our decorated education reporter, Ron French, who is eager to pursue other projects at Bridge.

Bridge thrives on collaboration and having each other's backs, and so you would also team with other staffers, including our data reporter and colleagues covering health, business and other beats. We urge staffers to attend conferences and other skills training, and you will benefit from a generous newsroom budget for travel, records requests and more.

We are a nonprofit news organization, which means we use the best parts of legacy media but are not beholden to all traditions. We are committed to lifting up diverse, often ignored voices and covering the state in an equitable manner — but we are also aggressively nonpartisan and committed to challenging conventional wisdom in our reporting.

We pride ourselves on being a newsroom that allows great ideas to flourish, and value individuals whose background and life experiences challenge us to rethink how we write and frame stories. We embrace a culture of ‘yes,’ and provide a warm, nurturing environment that respects work-life balance. While there are occasional long days, we want you to have a healthy life outside work.

Bridge has offices in Lansing and Ypsilanti. The job will require some in-person reporting in Lansing, but we are flexible and trust reporters to determine their best work environment. Bridge is operated by The Center for Michigan, a nonprofit that relies on individual donors, sponsors and philanthropic support and also publishes the editorially independent BridgeDetroit news site.

Targeted compensation begins at \$65,000. Benefits include medical, vision and dental insurance, 4-6 weeks of maternity/paternity/adoption leave, and a minimum three weeks paid time off per year, in addition to eight paid holidays.

To apply, email [jobs@bridgemi.com](mailto:jobs@bridgemi.com) and write “Education Reporter” in the subject line. Candidates should include a cover letter explaining how they would approach the position, four to seven work samples and a resume.

The Center for Michigan is an equal opportunity employer, committed to diversity in our workforce and creating an inclusive environment. As we work toward building an organization that better reflects the communities we serve, we especially encourage members of traditionally underrepresented communities to apply, including people of color, women, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, and people with disabilities. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment. The Center for Michigan will not discriminate in its employment practices due to an applicant’s race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), age, disability/handicap, height, weight, marital status, familial status, veteran status, citizenship, or any other classification protected by federal or state law or local ordinance.

Position is open until filled.