



CALL FOR FACT-CHECKERS

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The Pylon is searching for qualified candidates to join our fact-checking team.

The Pylon is a Blacksburg-based digital publication that specializes in investigative and longform pieces, informed commentaries, and submission-based creative works. We are an independent publication that covers local stories and provides an outlet for community voices with quality in mind.

Functions of a fact-checker

- Reports to the managing editor and the staffer with whom the fact-checker is currently working with on content
- Meticulously pours over all content produced for *The Pylon* to ensure accuracy and correct any factual errors before publication.
- Attends budget meetings and works closely with staffers on content before it is ready to be published.
- Treats all colleagues and sources with respect at all times.
- Must have completed all trainings hosted by *The Pylon*.
- May wish to hold a training for staffers on fact-checking and accuracy in reporting.

Desired qualities and qualifications

- Is extremely detail-oriented
- Has strong research and reporting skills
- Has critical thinking skills
- Can be fair and neutral
- Inquisitive and driven by the pursuit of truth
- Availability for ~3 hours per week

All people living in or near Blacksburg are encouraged to apply (student or not).

Note—the position is unpaid.

What do we have to offer?

- Journalism and research experience with a dynamic startup
- Professional letters of recommendation
- Significant opportunities to grow and learn essential reporting and editing skills
- Extensive training and professional development opportunities

To apply, please email editor@thepylon.org with a resume and a subject line of “FACT-CHECKER.” The body of the email constitutes an informal cover letter.

Questions? Send them to our recruitment manager, Alec Masella (alec11@vt.edu), or send a direct message to our official pages on Twitter (twitter.com/thepylonorg) or Facebook (facebook.com/thepylonorg).

The Pylon is an equal opportunity employer. We will not discriminate in employment against any employee or job applicant on the bases of race, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, creed, disability, veteran's status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Reasonable accommodation is available to qualified applicants and employees with disabilities.