



## CALL FOR PUBLIC EDITOR

Contact Alec Masella, Recruitment manager  
[alec11@vt.edu](mailto:alec11@vt.edu)

*The Pylon* is searching for a qualified candidate to take on the role of public editor.

*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 the public editor

- Acts independently and apart from the rest of the editorial team to ensure proper journalism ethics are followed by *The Pylon* and all staffers
- Acts as a liaison between *The Pylon* and the public, fielding complaints and rectifying critical reporting and editing errors and omissions
- Receives and responds to questions or comments from the public, typically about news and other coverage in *The Pylon*
- Conducts ethics trainings for *Pylon* staffers
- May write regular features on the intersection of *The Pylon* and ethics issues

### Desired qualities and qualifications

- Has critical thinking skills
- Can be fair and neutral
- Can handle conflict and reach acceptable solutions
- Has extensive understanding of journalism ethics
- Inquisitive and driven by the pursuit of truth
- Understands *The Pylon* through-and-through; knows the publication's mission and works to achieve it by keeping the publication open and honest
- Previous publication experience a plus, but not necessary
- Previous writing experience a plus, but not necessary
- Availability for ~5 hours per week, with regular mandatory meetings

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 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](mailto:editor@thepylon.org) with a resume and a subject line of “PUBLIC EDITOR.” The body of the email constitutes an informal cover letter.

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