

Are you a passionate online journalist? Do you think that newspapers just don't get it anymore? Would you like to run your own local news site?

If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, keep reading ...

We're Patch.com, a start-up that's radically reinventing community journalism. We launched in February and we currently operate five sites; and now we're expanding again! We have won acclaim in the industry and coverage in The New York Times, Forbes Magazine, Bloomberg, NPR's "Talk of the Nation," "The News Hour with Jim Lehrer," and numerous industry blogs and Web sites.

Patch.com is looking for smart, passionate people to join our team as full-time site editors. We see this as nothing less than the future of online journalism and think this just might be a job you'll brag about to your grand-kids.

Job responsibilities (to include, but not limited to):

Run a local news site – reporting, writing, editing, assigning, taking pictures and video, maintaining an events calendar, maintaining a database of local business listings, getting users involved, and liaising with important community figures. Provide an invaluable source of trusted information that will improve people's lives. Drive your site to become a landmark in the community.

Required skills:

Recent community journalism experience
Ability to manage, direct, and motivate a team of freelancers.
Ability to manage a budget
"Bull-doggish" reporting instincts and willingness to ask tough questions of important people
Experience in online journalism
Experience editing video, producing a Web site and/or excellent photography skills.
Must have a firm grasp of AP style.

Desired skills:

Passionate about the web, social networking, and of course community journalism
Be able to quickly grasp the interests, rhythms, and identity of a community.
Unparalleled organizational skills
Have great news judgment
Like working hard.

Educational background:

Degree from a J-School (preferred)
Degree in journalism or similar discipline
Ideal candidate will have been involved with their school paper as an editor or reporter
Unique requirements:

Must be a flexible, independent, self-starter – you'll work from home, the coffee shop, your car, the high school football game

Tools for the job ... best of all we will provide them: including a laptop, video camera, police scanner, etc.

Must own a car

Must be willing to relocate

Ability and willingness to work various hours outside of the typical M-F and 9-5. To include some weekends.