

SPORTS REPORTER

WDBJ7, Roanoke, VA (DMA)

Schurz Communications

WDBJ7, the CBS affiliate and #1 television station serving the Roanoke/Lynchburg, VA markets, is looking for a great story-teller to join our three-person sports department. This job is for a seasoned professional who can do it all and do it well: shoot, edit, report and anchor, with a focus on compelling local sports stories that go beyond the highlights. We cover major college sports, including Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia, as well as Division III sports, local high schools and NASCAR. You will have several anchoring opportunities in addition to being a part of the area's longest-running local high school football show, Friday Football Extra.

The successful candidate must be able to report and post on all of our platforms and interact with our viewers on social media. The position requires a flexible work schedule.

We're seeking someone with a minimum of 1-3 years of sports reporting experience. Prior experience with cameras and/or editing is required, as is a degree in Journalism or a related field.

Essential Functions

- Produce, write, shoot and edit sports stories
- Maintain contacts and knowledge of local area sports
- Conduct interviews in the field and on-set
- Enterprise compelling sports stories that go beyond the highlights
- Interact with producer and news management to integrate sports coverage into the overall news product
- Post and update stories on the web
- Post extended interviews, raw video and photos for a photo gallery on the web to enhance your story
- Communicate with the web staff during breaking sports-related news
- Interact with viewers through social media such as Facebook and Twitter
- Represent the station at public events
- Substitute sports anchor when needed
- Perform other job-related duties as assigned

Essential Skills & Abilities

- Strong knowledge of local sports
- Must be able to develop relationships with coaches, athletes, and school administrators for breaking news
- Excellent communication skills
- Strong writing and research skills

- Must be able to write in a clear, concise and conversational manner
- Commanding and personable anchor presence
- Maintain strong journalistic ethics
- Strong attention to detail
- Ability to operate cameras and non-linear editors
- Intermediate level knowledge of I-News or other newsroom software
- Basic knowledge of web-posting software
- Ability to navigate and conduct online research using various search engines
- Intermediate-level knowledge of social media
- Must be able to report “live” and ad-lib during breaking sports news
- Ability to stay current with national and local sports news
- Ability to shoot and edit video
- Ability to meet tight deadlines and work well under pressure
- Ability to work independently with little supervision
- Ability to work well in a team environment
- Ability to remain positive, and foster a positive work environment
- Must be willing to travel
- Must hold a valid driver’s license and a good driving record

The position offers a competitive hourly wage and comprehensive benefit package, including group health & dental, paid time off, 401(k) and more. WDBJ is owned by a wonderful parent company, Schurz Communications, which is headquartered in Mishawaka, IN. More information on Schurz is available at www.schurz.com, and via the following link: <http://youtu.be/7OuMd2ikx7k>

Interested candidates please visit the following web site: www.schurz.jobs and search Requisition Number WDBJ2108 to learn more about the position and apply.