



## Executive Director Position

### RISLA Overview:

The Rhode Island Student Loan Authority (RISLA) is a non-profit, quasi-state agency of the State of Rhode Island which administers a system of financial assistance, consisting of grants, loans, and counseling for college admissions and applying for financial aid. RISLA must compete with large for-profit and other non-profit lenders and operates without any state appropriations. To provide the capital needed to fund student loans, RISLA regularly issues debt and/or secures bank financing which are not backed by the credit of the State of Rhode Island.

### Position Scope & Responsibilities:

The Executive Director provides strategic leadership and oversight for all day-to-day operations, ensuring that RISLA achieves its objectives and mission. The Executive Director must work closely with the RISLA Board of Directors, colleges and universities and federal and state officials to ensure that the organization is fulfilling its mission and serving its constituents effectively.

### Preferred Candidate Education and Work Experience:

- Education: Bachelor's Degree required, professional degree preferred.
- Work experience:
  - 10+ years professional leadership experience in executive management
  - Demonstrated experience in tax-exempt and taxable public and private debt financing
  - Familiarity with relevant federal and state regulations and consumer lending laws
  - Portfolio and investment management
  - Exceptional communication, negotiation, and interpersonal abilities
  - Experience in lending for higher education and/or finance is preferred
  - Familiarity with intergovernmental relations and national/regional finance and professional organizations preferred

### Salary & Benefits:

- RISLA will pay a salary package that is commensurate with experience and qualifications. This is not a State of Rhode Island position; therefore there are no state benefits.
- RISLA offers a generous benefits package including health, dental, vision and disability insurance and a 403(b) deferred compensation plan.

### To Apply:

- To apply for this position, please email [rislaed@hvlawltd.com](mailto:rislaed@hvlawltd.com) with your resume and cover letter **by 5:00pm EST on Friday, December 5, 2025**. Applications may also be mailed or hand-delivered to Harrington & Vitale, Ltd., 39 Pike Street, Providence, RI 02903.
- In-person interviews with selected candidates are anticipated to be scheduled on December 11, 12, 17 or 18, 2025. The successful candidate will be required to submit a state and federal background and credit check.

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