Become a Student Election Judge

For more information, contact the Election Judge Recruiters:

Phone: 301-430-8053
       301-430-8038

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
The Election Judge who operates the polling place plays a very important role in the electoral process. The Judge acts as a liaison between the Election Office and the general public during voting hours and is responsible for administering the actual voting procedures in each precinct. Without this individual, it would be impossible to conduct an election.

The ideal Election Judge should be able to endure long hours on Election Day, and deal courteously and patiently with the public and co-workers. Additionally, Judges must ensure that qualified voters who are properly registered are able to cast their vote in a trouble-free environment. The Election Judge represents the Board of Elections during the election. Therefore, the Election Judge must be reliable, courteous, able to follow procedures, and above all, possess good judgment.

Qualifications

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must be a Maryland Resident
- Must be at least 17 years old
- Must be registered to vote (held in pending status until age 18)

Training Session for Judges

Maryland law requires all persons who desire to become an Election Judge to attend a training session as a condition of appointment. You may be required to pass a written and/or hands-on evaluation in order to work. Even though an individual may have served many years as a Judge, it is necessary to review the laws and procedures that govern elections before every primary election. Each year, the General Assembly of Maryland passes many bills that change the way elections are conducted. An informed Election Judge eliminates the possibility of errors in the operation of a polling place on Election Day.

Compensation

Election Judges shall be paid $200 for each day served. Alternate Judges are paid the same salary as the person for whom they substitute. If an Election Judge is unable to serve on Election Day, they will not be paid such compensation unless excused for a good reason by the Election Board. Judges receive $50 as compensation for attending a course of instruction. Additionally, Students may elect to earn Student Independent Service Learning hours in lieu of payment.

NOTE: If selected, Student Judges only work 12 hours, between 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Application Procedures

1. Please complete and return attached application.
2. You will be contacted by the Election Judge Recruiter to schedule a training session.
3. You will receive a letter indicating acceptance of the appointment. This letter will also state the required oath to be taken by an Election Judge. One is not appointed to the position of Judge until the oath is returned to the Election Office.

Please Print

Name _________________________________                           Home: (____) ________________________
Address _______________________________                           Alternate Number: (____) _______________
City ______________________ Zip _________
Email: ____________________________
Signature _______________________________
Date of Birth ____________

APPLICATION FOR STUDENT ELECTION JUDGE APPOINTMENT

I would like to serve as a Judge for the Presidential Primary Election June 24, 2014 and the Presidential General Election November 4, 2014.

Please select one of the options:
□ Election Judge __________________________
□ Alternate Election Judge ______________________

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ID# ______________________________
D-P ______________________________
PARTY AFF _______________________

Please provide your name, address, telephone numbers, email address, and date of birth. Please sign the application and return it by mail, fax, or email to: 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774, 301-430-8080, or election@co.pg.md.us. You will be contacted by our office. Thank you for your interest.