

Important Information

- Qualifications to participate in the Student Poll Worker Worker Program. At the time of the Election, you must:
 - Be 16 years of age or older
 - Be a United States citizen or Legal Permanent Resident
 - Be a current high school student in good academic standing
 - Have minimum GPA of 2.5
 - Have written permission from your parent or guardian and school
- Receive a stipend of up to \$120 for training and for working a full day on Election Day
- Election Day hours are approximately 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Make a difference in your community while learning firsthand how the American electoral process works
- Some schools may offer community service credit or hours for volunteering on Election Day (check with your school administration or teachers)
- Apply online at www.ocvote.com/volunteer



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Student Poll Worker Program

Information and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



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What is the Student Poll Worker Program?

In 1996 the California State Legislature amended election law to allow high school students to serve as poll workers on Election Day. This special program gives students hands-on experience with the voting process. Join other high school students throughout Orange County and discover firsthand how the American electoral process works. You will have an opportunity to make a difference even before you can cast your vote!

What are the qualifications to participate in the Student Poll Worker Program?

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- Be 16 years of age or older
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- Be a current high school student in good academic standing
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Have written permission from your parent or guardian and school

When is the Election?

For information on upcoming elections, please visit our website at www.ocvote.com/voting

What are the Election Day hours?

The Election Day hours are approximately 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Volunteers must commit to work the full day and any exceptions must be pre-approved.

Will I get paid for working?

Yes, students will receive a stipend of \$100 for working a full day at a polling place and a \$20 stipend for attending training. Students will also receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Registrar of Voters.

What will I be doing on Election Day?

- Assist with polling place setup
- Direct voters to sign in and verify address
- Operate the electronic voting equipment
- Help voters and answer procedural questions
- Assist with closing the polling place

Are meals provided?

No, we recommend you bring food or snacks. You will be given breaks, but your assigned polling place may not be near any places to eat.

Do I have to attend training?

Yes, training is mandatory and lasts approximately 3 hours. Returning student clerks have the option to take online training.

Where do I go for training?

Training is available both online and in class. Training classes are held on various days and times at several locations throughout Orange County.

Where will I be working on Election Day?

Although we make every effort to assign you to a polling place in or near your home city, assignments are made based on need throughout the county.

Can I work with a friend?

Each polling place has approximately four to six poll workers. In some locations, we will allow more than one student to work at the same polling place. This decision is based on space availability and mandated requirements.

How do I apply for the Student Poll Worker Program?

You can apply online at www.ocvote.com/volunteer. After you submit the online application, you will receive an email with an attached application form. Print the application, obtain approval and signatures from your parent or guardian and school, and return the completed form to our office.

How will I know where I will be working?

Once our office receives your approved application, a staff member will contact you to discuss an available polling place location (where you will work on Election Day) and training class information.

Will I receive anything in writing confirming my assignment?

After you are assigned to a polling place location, you will receive a Poll Worker PASS packet by mail that contains important information about your role as a Student Poll Worker. You will need to activate your card and log into your own personal Poll Worker online account. You will have access to information about your training class, assigned polling place, and names & contact information of your fellow poll workers.

What do I do after I review my assigned polling place information?

Please contact your Inspector so that he/she may review specific Election Day procedures. As a student, your phone number is confidential and not provided to other poll workers. However, we have a Student Poll Worker direct phone service that connects the Inspector to your phone line by entering your ID number.

When will I get paid?

You will receive your stipend check by mail approximately 4-6 weeks after Election Day.