



STUDENT ELECTION JUDGE PROGRAM

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Are you interested in shaping your community? Voters elect our leaders and governing bodies whose decisions influence events in the state of Colorado, the United States, and, as recent events have proven, the world. Student election judges share firsthand in those events on Election Day assisting voters as they exercise their constitutional right marking their ballot choices for candidates and issues. Contact your local election official today to find out how to be a part of this grassroots lesson in democracy.

ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Even before you turn 18 and can register to vote, you can take part in the election process.

BENEFITS

- ▶ You will be paid.
- ▶ Practical experience serving your community.
- ▶ Election Judge experience looks great on a resume or college application.
- ▶ Take part in a rewarding activity while learning about the democratic process!

QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify as a student election judge you must be:

- ▶ 16 years old and either a junior or senior
- ▶ Physically and mentally able to perform your duties
- ▶ U.S. citizen on Election Day
- ▶ Free of any conviction for fraud or election offenses
- ▶ Not a family member of a candidate on the ballot

RESPONSIBILITIES

As a student election judge you will serve alongside other adult election judges at a polling place in your county. Some of the duties student election judges assist with are:

- ▶ Opening and closing the polls. (Election judges work from 6 a.m. to about 8 p.m. on Election Day.)
- ▶ Ensuring that qualified voters are permitted to vote.
- ▶ Checking in and processing voters.
- ▶ Assisting with the registration of those people who are qualified and who have not registered to vote before Election Day.
- ▶ Distributing ballots.
- ▶ Helping voters who need assistance.
- ▶ Answering voters' questions.
- ▶ Maintaining order in the polling place on Election Day.
- ▶ Obtaining results after the polls are closed.

HOW TO APPLY

APPLY EARLY! If hired as a student election judge, you will have training prior to Election Day.

- ▶ Fill out the application at the bottom of the page.
- ▶ Make sure your parent or guardian and school official signs the "Permission" portion.
- ▶ Send the application to your local county clerk.
- ▶ Check with your school official or administrator to find out the school policy on requesting an absence from school.
- ▶ You will receive a call from your county clerk letting you know if your application has been approved. The clerk will inform you of the date and time of the training class.
- ▶ Work at the polls on Election Day!

REMEMBER

When you turn 18, you may register to vote and serve as a regular adult election judge!

STUDENT JUDGE APPLICATION

(Send the Completed Form to Your County Clerk)

Student's Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Name and Address of High School _____

SCHOOL OFFICIAL

I certify and recommend this student election judge applicant is a student in good standing and that the applicant is or will be a junior or senior at the time of the election.

DATE _____

SCHOOL OFFICIAL SIGNATURE

PARENT or GUARDIAN

I hereby consent to allow my daughter/son to serve as a student election judge and affirm she/he will be at least 16 years of age at the time of the election.

DATE _____

PARENT or GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

STUDENT

I certify that at the time of the election, I will be at least 16 years old and a junior or senior in a public or private school or equivalent, if home schooled. I am able to attend a class of instruction and perform the assigned duties.

DATE _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE