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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

STUDENT POLL WORKER PROGRAM



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SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY: BE A STUDENT PRECINCT WORKER!

WHO?

High school students who meet the qualifications below may serve as precinct workers (aka poll workers) on Election Day:

Requirements:

- A high school junior or senior, 16 years old or older
- A U.S. citizen
- Able to speak and read English
- Able to serve all day (6:00 am to 9:30 pm) OR morning (6:00 am to 2:00 pm) OR afternoon (2:00 pm to 9:30 pm)
- A GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE?

The SLO County Student Poll Worker Program is a valuable tool for increasing awareness and understanding of local elections--and for witnessing democracy in action. It also helps ensure that we have enough poll workers to staff the polls countywide on Election Day.

- **Get hands-on experience assisting voters**
- **Earn \$65 to \$180, or waive your pay if you are receiving community service hours**
- **Receive a commendation letter as thanks**

WHAT WILL I DO?

Each precinct has an Inspector and four Clerks who make up the Precinct Board. Along with the rest of the team (depending on which hours you work), you will:

- Set up the polling place before the polls open
- Assist voters in all phases of the voting process
- Close the polls at the end of the day

HOW WILL I KNOW WHAT TO DO?

Training sessions are available at various times and locations throughout the county beginning about two weeks before the election.

At the session, you will be trained in voters' rights, cultural and accessibility sensitivity, Election Day procedures, and how to help voters who need assistance.

All workers are paid \$20 to attend the training session.

WHEN WILL I SERVE?

You will receive your specific work assignment approximately two weeks prior to Election Day.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFO?

You can find details online at slovote.com/pollworkers and can reach the poll worker coordinator at **(805) 781-4989** or precinctworker@co.slo.ca.us.

You will also be required to be nominated by a teacher. (Teachers are not limited to nominating a single student.) If you are interested and you meet the qualifications, contact your teachers and let them know, then complete the Student Poll Worker application at slovote.com/pollworkers.