

STUDENT POLL WORKER PROGRAM



What is the Student Poll Worker Program?

The Imperial County Student Poll Worker Program provides high school students with an exciting opportunity to serve as Poll Workers for the upcoming Election. Participating students receive a stipend for their service along with a great hands-on introduction to the democratic process.

Who can participate?

Any high school student that meets the following requirements:

- ✓ U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.
- ✓ At least 16 years of age at the time of the election.
- ✓ In good academic standing with a GPA of 2.5 or greater.
- ✓ Able to obtain teacher and parental consent.
- ✓ Able to work the entire day at assigned Vote Center.

What do Student Poll Workers do?

Student Poll Workers are assigned to serve at a Vote Center in Imperial County and are expected to perform the same duties as regular poll workers. Student Poll Workers responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Mandatory in-person training session (approx. 3 hours) prior to their assignment.
- Transportation to and from their assigned polling place.
- Assist in Vote Center setup procedures.
- Assist with opening / closing procedures at the polling place.
- Greet voters and direct voter traffic.
- Assist with processing voters throughout the day.
- Answer voter questions.

Where Will Students be Placed to Serve?

We attempt to place Student Poll Workers at Vote Center within a 5-10 mile radius of their home address. However, there are some areas that have greater need for poll workers than others. As a result, the number of students placed is dependent on the needs of the surrounding community. Students must serve at their assigned location; they may not transfer to another Vote Center without prior consent of the Registrar of Voters' Office.

Students are encouraged to submit applications as early as possible. Students will be placed on a first come, first serve basis. Submitting an application does not guarantee a position.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- ★ Have a parent/guardian read the parent letter. Obtain signatures from parent/guardian and teacher(s).
- ★ Complete the Student Poll Worker Application.
- ★ Attend a mandatory in-person training class (approximately 3 hours). Students who do not attend training will not be able to serve in a Vote Center.
- ★ Have an active email address. Be sure to check this email address often for communications from the Elections Office regarding your application, training class and appointment notice.
- ★ Arrange transportation to and from your assigned polling place.
- ★ Dress appropriately and comfortably. No tank tops, shorts, torn clothing or flip flops. No political or offensive slogans of any kind are allowed.
- ★ You will be assigned breaks, but please note that meals are not provided. Bring snacks and beverages to last throughout the day.
- ★ All students must serve the entire day; half-day shifts are not available. Students who do not serve the entire day will not be paid the stipend.
- ★ Call the Elections Office (442) 265-1060 as soon as possible if you will not be able to serve at your designated Vote Center.
- ★ Show up, participate & have fun!

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Imperial County Registrar of Voters

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Dear Parent / Guardians:

With your permission, the Imperial County Registrar of Voters (Elections Office) would like to invite your child to volunteer as a Student Poll Worker for the upcoming Election.

Students selected to work at a Vote Center are required to attend a mandatory training class (approximately three hours) prior to Election Day. Students will serve alongside three to five other members of our community on a precinct board. Poll worker participation is an exciting, all-day experience. Students are expected to be present at their assigned Vote Center for all hours of operation on their assigned day(s). Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from both the training and their assigned Vote Center. For the convenience of students and parents, we will make every effort to assign students to a Vote Center located close to the home address listed on their application.

Submitting an application does not guarantee a position. Students will be placed on a first-come, first-served basis. Although we may not be able to place every applicant, we will do our best to assign as many students as possible.

In addition to gaining an invaluable learning experience about the democratic process, students are paid a daily stipend of **\$130** for service, plus an additional one-time stipend of **\$25** for attending the mandatory training class. Payment will be mailed approximately 6–8 weeks following the election to the address provided on the application. Students who do not work the entire assigned day will not be paid the stipend.

Rewards of being a Student Poll Worker include:

- Hands-on introduction to the democratic process
- Opportunity to earn community service hours (check with your school)
- Increased likelihood of becoming a lifelong voter
- Earning \$130 per day
- Volunteer experience that looks great on college, scholarship, and job applications
- Personal satisfaction from helping the community

To be considered for assignment to a Vote Center, please review the additional requirements listed on the Student Poll Worker application. Applications must be completed in full and include both parent/guardian and teacher signatures. Completed applications may be returned to the Imperial County Registrar of Voters' Office. For additional information, please call (442) 265-1060.

We look forward to your child's contribution to the election process!

Sincerely,

Linsey Dale
Imperial County Registrar of Voters