MONTEREY COUNTY ELECTIONS

Monterey County Elections STUDENT PROGRAM

What is the Monterey County Elections Student Program?

Legislation[1] in California allows eligible students to serve as poll worker. Participating students will serve in the operation of a poll site on Election Day or inspect vote-by-mail ballots on one of two Saturdays prior to the election[2].

Eligible students will be nominated by a teacher, at least 16 years of age at the time of the election, with at least a 2.5 GPA, and a United States Citizen or lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States. All volunteers must complete a form prior to training that requests their Social Security Number, residential address, mailing address, and an earnings statement.

Educators:

✓ Inform your students of this unique opportunity to be involved with their government.
✓ Nominate qualified eligible students to serve as poll workers.
✓ Follow up with your students about their Election Day experience.

Students:

✓ Participate in a 2.5-hour training class before the election.
✓ Be a member of a 4-6-person team and participate in the operation of a polling place on Election Day.

Note: Election Day can be a long one, 6:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., but it is a great experience!
Ballot inspectors will serve on one of two Saturdays prior to the election extracting and inspecting vote by mail ballots. Same-day training is provided. Ballot inspectors serve for credit only.

Benefits:

✓ This opportunity will give students a "hands-on" experience, learning how local elections work.
✓ Students will receive training on how to open a polling place, process voters, and close the polls.
✓ It will inspire students to pre-register and to vote when they turn 18.
✓ Students gain a lifelong appreciation for the democratic process.
✓ Students play an active and important role in their community.
✓ Student poll workers may choose to receive community service credit or a stipend of $110, in addition to a $25 stipend for attending training.

To nominate a student please use the **Student Poll Worker Application** or call (831) 796-1485 for more information.
Applications can be returned via mail, fax, or in person at 1441 Schilling Place – North Building.

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[1] Election Code 12302; Education Code 48205
[2] Depending on need, students may serve both Saturdays prior to Election Day.

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APPLICATION TO SERVE AS A STUDENT POLL WORKER

Name:_____ **DOB**: ____/____/____ **Age**: _____

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Class Standing (select one): ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior High School: _____

Residential Address:

_____
NUMBER & STREET   CITY   STATE   ZIP CODE

Mailing Address:

_____
NUMBER & STREET   CITY   STATE   ZIP CODE

Contact Information:

(____) ____-_____   (____) ____-_____   (____) ____-_____ _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN PHONE   STUDENT CELL   OTHER PHONE   EMAIL

By applying to the program, I confirm that I meet all of the following requirements (check all that apply):

☐ High School Student with a minimum GPA of 2.5

☐ At least 16 years of age at the time of the election

☐ If 18 years of age by the next election, a registered voter

☐ United States Citizen

☐ Read, write, and speak English

☐ Have reliable transportation to and from training and my assigned location

☐ I am willing to sign that I will not earn more than $599 in a calendar year with Monterey County

☐ I will provide my Social Security number at training

Have you ever been a poll worker or ballot inspector?		☐ Yes	☐ No
Check all territories in which you are able to work: ☐ South Monterey County *(King City, Pine Canyon, Greenfield, Soledad, Gonzales, Chualar)* ☐ Salinas *(City, Unincorporated area of Boronda, Highway 68)* ☐ Carmel Valley	☐ Monterey Peninsula *(Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Monterey, Seaside, Marina)* ☐ North Monterey County *(Castroville, Prunedale, Las Lomas, Aromas, Pajaro, Elkhorn, Oak Hills, Monte Del Lago)* ☐ Big Sur ☐ Lockwood		
Are you fluent in a language other than English?		☐ Yes	☐ No
If yes, which one(s)? _____			

What is your primary motivation for wanting to work as a poll worker or ballot inspector?

FOR NOMINATING TEACHER TO COMPLETE:

Name (Please print): _____ Signature: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

High School: _____

FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN & STUDENT TO COMPLETE:

I am interested in the **STUDENT POLL WORKER PROGRAM** and understand that I must commit to work the entire Election Day from 6:00 a.m. until all duties are complete at approximately 9:30 p.m. Additionally, I understand that I must participate in a 2.5 hour required training class. I do have the transportation to and from the class and the assigned polling place. I shall earn $25 for attending class and may earn $110 **OR** community service credit for volunteering at a polling place. Furthermore, I understand that it is my responsibility to notify all of my teachers of the date and times I will serve as an Election Officer.

By initialing, my parent/guardian and I agree that we have been informed of the responsibilities inherent in the Student Poll Worker Program as described above, and authorize that I am able to perform said duties

STUDENT INITIALS: _____ **PARENT/GUARDIAN INITIALS:** _____

I will serve for (check only one):
- ❏ Paid stipend (placement will be limited to areas where paid positions are available)
- ❏ Community service (priority placement)

I am interested in the **BALLOT INSPECTOR** position. I understand that this position is assigned to the Monterey County Elections Office located at **1441 Schilling Place-North Building Salinas**. I may serve on one or both Saturdays before the scheduled election date. I shall serve a minimum of five hours but may serve longer if I choose to do so. As a ballot inspector, I understand that I shall earn community service credit only (this is not a paid position).

By initialing, my parent/guardian and I agree that we have been informed of the responsibilities inherent in the Ballot Inspector position as described above and authorize that I am able to perform said duties.

STUDENT INITIALS: _____ **PARENT/GUARDIAN INITIALS:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN & STUDENT SIGNATURE REQUIRED	**OFFICE USE ONLY:** **Contact Date:**
Student: _____ Date: ___/___/___ Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ___/___/___ *Incomplete or illegible applications may not be processed.*	_____ **Parent:** Y N **Eligible:** Y N **Position:** E.O. B.I. Y **Bilingual:** N **SS Card** Y N **on file:** _____ **Precinct:** _____ **Poll** **Loc.:**

Questions? Call (831) 796-1485.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVE!