

Student Eligibility

In order to participate in Riverside County's Student Pollworker Program, a student must:

- Be at least 16 years old at the time of the election
- Be a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Have at least a 2.5 GPA
- Be a student attending a public or private secondary educational institution
- Have a completed Nomination Form on file with the Registrar of Voters office



Become a Student Pollworker



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Student Pollworker Program

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What Is the Student Pollworker Program?

In 1998 the California Legislature adopted provisions which allow for the use of students meeting particular requirements to work in the polls on Election Day. The authorizing code section is cited (in part) below. Eligibility information may be found on the reverse of this brochure.

California Election Code (E.C. § 12302b)



Student Pollworkers gain a greater awareness of the elections process

“. . . In order to provide for a greater awareness of the elections process, the rights and responsibilities of voters and the importance of participating in the electoral process, as well as to provide additional members of precinct boards, an elections official may appoint not more than five students per precinct to serve under the direct supervision of precinct board members designated by the elections official. A student may be appointed, notwithstanding lack of eligibility to vote, subject to the approval of the board of the educational institution in which the student is enrolled. . .”

What Does a Student Pollworker Do?

Student Pollworkers perform all of the same tasks that adult Pollworkers do. Before attending Election Officer training, the Student Pollworker is assigned to a polling place and he/she receives an appointment letter indicating the name and location of the polling place and with whom he/she will be working. All Election Officers are responsible for assisting with voting equipment set-up on Election



Eve and must work all day on Election Day. On Election Day, all Election Officers must report to the polling place by 6:15 a.m. Student Pollworkers perform the same tasks as their adult counterparts

Lunch and other break times are coordinated throughout the day. Polls close at 8:00 p.m. and Election Officers are responsible for completing required paperwork, preparing ballot cartridges for transport, stowing voting equipment, and closing and securing the polling place facility. All Election Officers are dismissed upon completion of required tasks.

Q & A About the Student Pollworker Program

Q. *I meet the qualifications to serve as a Student Pollworker. Now what do I do?*

A. **Contact your Social Studies or Spanish teacher and ask for a Student Pollworker Nomination Form. Complete the form including all required signatures and return it to the Registrar of Voters Office by mail, fax, or in person.**

Q. *I don't have a Social Studies or Spanish class or my teacher doesn't have a Nomination Form. Can I still participate in the program?*

A. **Yes, as long as you qualify and are nominated by a teacher or administrator at your school. Contact our office for a nomination form or visit our website at www.voteinfo.net. You can download the form from the website.**

Q. *Will I be paid for working at the polls?*

A. **Yes. Student Pollworkers are paid the Election Officer stipend (currently \$90.00) for the day plus \$20.00 for attending training.**

Q. *When/where do I attend training?*

A. **Upon selection the Registrar of Voters will send you an Appointment Letter notifying you of the time and location of your training class. Classes will be held in the evenings or on weekends.**

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