MONTEREY COUNTY ELECTIONS

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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. Currently all employees, volunteers, and interns of the County of Monterey are required to show proof of vaccination or file for an exemption which will then be reviewed by Human Resources. We will provide more information on how to submit proof of vaccination or file for exemption in the coming weeks.

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 the application online at http://www.montereycountyelections.us/student-poll-worker/. For more information call (831) 796-1485. 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**: _____
LAST   FIRST   MI

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)*	❑ Monterey Peninsula *(Pebble Beach, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Monterey, Seaside, Marina)*
❑ Salinas *(City, Unincorporated area of Boronda, Highway 68)*	❑ North Monterey County *(Castroville, Prunedale, Las Lomas, Aromas, Pajaro, Elkhorn, Oak Hills, Monte Del Lago)*
❑ Carmel Valley	❑ 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.

OFFICE USE ONLY:
Contact Date:
_____

Parent:	Y	N
Eligible:	Y	N
Position:	E.O.	B.I. Y
Bilingual:	N	
SS Card on file:	Y	N _____
Precinct:	_____	
Poll Loc.:		

Questions? Call (831) 796-1485.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVE!

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