

STUDENT POLLWORKER PROGRAM

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS



What is the Student Pollworker program?

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

California Election Code (sec. 12302b)

“...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 two students per precinct to serve under the direct supervision of precinct board members designated by the election officials. 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 am. Lunch and other break times are coordinated throughout the day. Polls close at 8:00 pm 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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

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

Q. I don't have a Social Studies 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. From the site you can download the form.

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

A. Yes. Student Pollworkers are paid the Precinct Officer stipend (currently \$90.00) for the day.

Q. When/where do I attend training?

A. Upon selection, the Registrar of Voters will schedule all Student Pollworkers a training class which he/she is required to attend.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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 worked
- Be a United States citizen at the time of the election worked
- Have at least a 2.5 Grade Point Average
- Be a student attending a public or private secondary educational institution
- Have a completed Nomination Form on file with Registrar of Voters

Riverside County Registrar of Voters

2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside, CA 92507-0918

Phone: 951-486-7341

Fax: 951-486-7320

Website: www.voteinfo.net



Riverside County Registrar of Voters Student Pollworker Program Nomination form

All information is required. Incomplete forms may result in rejection

Please Print Clearly:

STUDENT	Name:	Current GPA (Must be 2.5 or above):
	Home Address, City, Zip Code:	Home Phone:
	Mailing Address, City, Zip Code:	Cell Phone:
	Language(s) in addition to English spoken <i>Fluently</i>	Date of Birth:
	Transportation (Circle one) Own Parents	
	Student's Signature:	Date:

PARENTS	Name:	
	Emergency Phone Number on Election Day:	
	Parent's Signature:	Date:

TEACHER	Nominating Teacher Name:	Class in which student is taught:
	School Name:	School Address:
	Contact Phone Number:	Fax Number:
	E-mail Address:	
	Teacher's Signature:	Date:

**Return completed Nomination Form to:
Fax: 951-486-7320
or
Mail: Riverside County Registrar of Voters - EO/Polls Div.
2724 Gateway Dr. Riverside, CA 92507-0918**



For Office Use Only:

ID #: _____ Home Precinct: _____ Assigned Precinct: _____ Training Class: _____