

**Serve your Community!**

**Become an  
Election Poll Worker!**

**Poll Workers are  
the people that make  
Election Day really happen.**

Our country has asked everyone to chip in and take an active role in protecting our freedoms. The right to vote is one of the oldest and most important entitlements. With those rights come responsibilities. Free and open elections are the basis on which this country was formed and you can make a difference by becoming an Poll Worker to help protect those freedoms.

**Sign Up Today!**



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**REQUIREMENTS**

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be 18 Years of Age
- Be a Registered Voter in Monroe County
- Poll Workers must serve for either the Republican or Democratic parties.
- Must have transportation and a cell phone
- Speak, read and write the English Language
- Attend a training class, take a test and pass

**Contact Us Today!**

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## What is a Poll Worker?

They are voters who are appointed by their political party to serve a 1-year term. They work on Election Day.

## What are a Poll Worker's Responsibilities?

They are responsible for making sure that the voters are processed in a fair and efficient manner and according to Election Law.

## Are Poll Workers Volunteers?

No, the County Board of Elections pays them \$12/hr (\$204.00 for a General Election Day).

## Can anyone be a Poll Worker?

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## Does it require a lot of training to be a Poll Worker?

Poll workers are required to be trained and tested every year. A flexible training schedule is held throughout the County from August to November. Classes last about 2 ½ hours. Inspectors are paid \$25.00 for attending class and working an election.

## What Days and Hours do Poll Workers work?

All Poll Workers work on General Election Day in November from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM. They also sometimes work for a Primary or a Special Election usually 11:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

## Election Day is a long day, what if I can't work the whole day?

The Board of Elections encourages inspectors to work the entire election day.

## Will I be working with experienced Poll Workers?

Yes, there are at least four (4) inspectors working at each voting site. 3,000 Poll Workers serve at almost 350 polling sites in Monroe County. About 75% return faithfully year after year. The majority are trained and experienced.

## Do Poll Workers get time off during the day?

Yes, Poll Workers should take time off during the day to eat a meal and to vote. They may leave their site with at least one of each party remaining.

## Will I be working at my own voting location?

If there is an opening, yes, otherwise you will be placed as close to your own district as possible.

## What if I am on S.S.I., unemployment or concerned about tax consequences?

Each person's circumstances are unique and therefore they must check with their own advisors.

## How do I sign up?

If you wish to serve as a Republican Poll Worker, call the Board of Elections at 753-1534. If you wish to serve as a Democratic Poll Worker, call 753-1539. Or complete the online form and email it or print and send it though the mail. We can answer additional questions and put you in touch with the Coordinator in your area who is actively recruiting Poll Workers.

Email us at  
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