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### **Polls and Precincts**

**GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION – November 2, 2010**

# **STUDENT POLL WORKER PROGRAM**

## **INTRODUCTION**

In August 1996, the State Legislature adopted a law (Assembly Bill No. 1856) permitting High School students to serve as Polling Place Workers, provided the student meets certain requirements. This Bill encourages students to have a greater awareness of the elections process and the rights and responsibilities of voters. It emphasizes the importance of participating in the electoral process. Also, it gives students an opportunity to give back to their community while earning a little money at the same time.

We would love for you to help us by participating in this program!

## **REQUIREMENTS**

You must have the approval of your teachers and parent or guardian before participating in this program.

Students must be:

1. At least 16 years of age as of the date of the election at which you will work.
2. A United States citizen or will be a citizen as of the date of the election at which you will work.
3. A student in good standing, attending a public or private High School
4. Have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 Scale.

You will be appointed to a polling place near to where you live. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Precinct workers arrive at the polling location at 6:00 a.m. the morning of the Election. With the exception of breaks, lunch and dinner hour, you are expected to remain there until all paperwork is complete approximately 9:00 p.m. It is necessary for you to provide your own transportation.

All students, before signing up for this program, must carefully check all school activities and after school activities to see if any conflicting schedules may prevent them from serving as a polling place worker.

Complete the Application and return it to the Elections Division, along with a copy of the completed and signed Parent Authorization form. A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your use or you may fax your forms to (530) 886-5688. See Instructor form.

Once your application and authorization forms are received, you will receive an appointment letter with further information.

## **DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES**

### **YOUR ASSIGNMENT AS A STUDENT POLL WORKER WILL BE TO WORK WITH A TEAM TO:**

- Arrive at the polling place by 6:00 a.m. on Election Day
- Between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., set-up the polling place.
- Set-up the tables, chairs, and voting booths (if necessary), post voting instructions and other materials.
- Hang the polling place signs and American Flag sign properly.
- Make sure that the polling place is open on Election Day by 7:00 a.m. (In emergency be prepared to start sidewalk voting if necessary).
- Establish voter's right to vote and demonstrate the voting procedure.
- Assist any individual who may have difficulty with voting, either with language or access.
- Pass out ballots, have voter place voted ballots into the ballot box (POLLS OFFICIALLY CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.).

You will be paid \$85.00 for working on Election Day. A 3-hour training class is offered but is not mandatory for Clerks to attend. A date and time for the assigned training class will be on the appointment letter. If you are able to attend the class, you will be paid an additional \$20.00 provided you work the election.

Please notify me as soon as possible if any emergency situations arise that prevents you from working. It is extremely important that you arrive at your polling place promptly at 6:00 a.m. on Election Day because the Office of Elections, the other polling place workers and the voters are depending on you to show up.

If you need any further information or have any questions, please call Lora Lashly at (530) 886-5667 or Toll free at (800)-824-8683.

Sincerely,

Jim McCauley  
Country Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters



**HOW WILL YOU GET TO YOUR POLLING PLACE?**

CAR  BIKE  BUS  WALK  RIDE FROM FAMILY/FRIEND

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**ARE YOU WILLING TO WORK IN A PRECINCT OTHER THAN THE ONE IN WHICH YOU LIVE OR VOTE (OR WHERE YOUR PARENTS VOTE)?**

YES  NO

IF "YES", I AM WILLING TO TRAVEL UP TO \_\_\_\_\_ MILES

**HAVE YOU EVER SERVED AS A POLL WORKER IN ANY OTHER COUNTY?**

YES  NO

**IF YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE AS TO WHICH POLLING PLACE OR AREA YOU WOULD LIKE TO WORK, INDICATE HERE:**

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**OTHER INFORMATION/COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Placer County Office of Elections is recruiting high school students to serve as polling place precinct workers for the upcoming election.

Your son/daughter has shown an interest and would like to volunteer. To do so, he/she must have your permission. The duties entail assisting voters at the polling place from 6:00 a.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m. on Election Day. Students will be assigned to polling places near their homes or schools. The students will be paid \$85.00 for the day. Students are responsible for their own transportation. The students will receive an assigned training class date, should they be able to attend.

Serving our community and our country as a poll worker is a great learning experience. I hope you will allow your son/daughter to participate by signing the Parent Authorization form attached. This form should be returned to this office with the student's application.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. If you need any further information or have any questions, please call Lora Lashly at (530) 886-5667 or Toll free at (800)-824-8683.

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## PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address if Different: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

### ATTENTION STUDENT:

Please return this signed form to the Office of Elections with your application and give a copy to your school attendance clerk if needed for their file.



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*(Students: Please have your Instructors sign this page)*

**TO:** Instructors  
**FROM:** Placer County Office of Elections  
**RE:** Placer County Student Poll Worker Program

Your student \_\_\_\_\_, has applied to be appointed as a poll worker for the above-entitled election. Your student will be assigned to a polling site for Election Day and will need to report there on Election Day at 6:00 a.m. and remain on site (except during breaks) until approximately 9:00 p.m. If the student has your approval to be released from class, please sign the appropriate area below.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Period 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Period 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Period 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Period 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Period 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Period 6: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your approval. I hope you are as proud of this student and the commitment he/she has made to the community as I am!

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## **STUDENT POLL WORKER PROGRAM ELECTION DAY REMINDERS**

1. Dress appropriately. Closed toed shoes. No tank tops or mid-drift tops. No shorts. (You are representing the Placer County Elections Division Office.) No political slogans on buttons are allowed on you or on your clothing.
2. Members of the board consist of Inspector, Judge and Clerks. The Inspector leads the election team including assigning duties and having board members sign the payroll portion of the roster.
3. Three members of the board must be present at all times. After 5:00 p.m., all members must be present until closing duties are completed. Food is not provided; make arrangements to bring you own snacks/meals. (Inspector should be contacted for suggestions prior to Election Day.)
4. All operations of the precinct board are public and anyone may watch, but may not interfere with the voting.
5. Be patient, helpful and courteous to the public.
6. No food or drinks are allowed on the official table.
7. No smoking is allowed in the polling place.
8. No children are allowed at the official table.
9. After the close of polls, students watch, but are not involved in tallying votes or balancing the ballot statement.
10. No Internet capable devices, cells phones, laptops or Blackberries

**No electioneering (political campaigning) is allowed within 100 feet of the polling place entrance. No newspapers, radios, televisions or campaign literature is allowed in the polling place.**

Your participation is appreciated Thank You! Tell your friends what a great job you did. Do it again! Participate in the electoral process in future elections by calling (530) 886-5667.