

Student Election Judges

If you are a High School Junior or Senior, you may apply to serve as a student election judge even though you may not be old enough to vote.

Duties

Student judges share the same duties, hold the same authority and perform the same tasks as other election judges.

They have many duties including:

- Opening the polling place in the morning and closing it at night;
- Responsible for all election materials;
- Provide assistance to voters;
- Check in voters;
- Ensure that only qualified voters are permitted to vote and that each qualified voter is permitted to vote only one time and that all votes are cast in secret;
- Distribute ballots;
- Maintain order in the polling place throughout the day;
- Tally the vote after the polls are closed; and certify the election results in that precinct.

Qualifications (ILCS 5/13-4)

To be eligible to serve as a student election judge, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States by the time of the election;
- Be a High School Junior or Senior in good standing enrolled in a public or private secondary school;
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale;
- Successfully complete an election judge training course conducted by the Clerk's Office;
- Have written approval by your High School Principal;
- Have written approval from a parent or legal guardian.

Hours

Election Judges arrive at the polling place at 5:00am and work until the supplies are packed up after the polls close at 7:00pm. Election Judges are required to work the entire day.

Compensation

Certified Elections Judges receive \$150.00 for the day.

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