

BE AN ELECTION POLL WORKER



Election Poll Workers may be one of the most valuable keepers of fair and safe elections in PA.

There are 67 counties in Pennsylvania. Each county has an Election Board. The Election Board is responsible for filling five positions for each county.

Elected positions are Judge of Elections, Majority Inspector, and Minority Inspector. Non-elected (appointed) positions are clerks and machine inspectors.

The elected positions were on the ballot in 2021. However, many did not have a candidate, so not all seats were filled. Each County Board of Elections will now appoint individuals to these positions.

We have the opportunity to affect the elections in each county. Many UU's work polling locations as volunteer greeters and other volunteer positions. Becoming an elected or appointed poll worker has several benefits:

- Learn about PA elections
- Gain valuable experience
- Get paid a nominal amount for training and election day
- Help your community
- Take your part in saving our democracy

If you are interested in becoming a poll worker, follow this link to the Poll Worker Interest Form: <https://www.vote.pa.gov/Resources/pages/be-a-poll-worker.aspx>

After you fill out the form, someone from your county election office will contact you.

IMPORTANT:

Request a mail in ballot today!! You will most likely not be assigned to your own polling location. Vote by mail before election day. Then be ready to serve wherever you are placed.

If you would like to serve in one of the elected positions, the next time these positions will be on the ballot is in 2025. But remember, all vacant positions must

be filled and will be appointed first from those who fill out the Poll Worker Interest Form.

I am grateful to Jessica Meyers, Director of Policy, Department of State, for the information she shared with me. She also informed me that although her department doesn't have a guide for what the rules are for each county, the Brennan Center published a handy document that should answer all of your questions:

<https://www.brennancenter.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/pennsylvania-poll-worker-guide-2020.06.16.pdf>

Also, some counties, but not all, have good information on the county websites.

If I can be of any assistance to you, don't hesitate to contact me. I consider this service to the election process in Pennsylvania to be most important to saving our Democracy in PA.