

Commonly Asked Questions

Can any high school student be an election judge?

No – only seniors or juniors currently enrolled in a public or private high school that meet specific qualifications.

What are the specific qualifications?

- U.S. Citizen
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale
- Written approval from principal and parent or legal guardian
- Satisfactorily complete training course
- Access to a vehicle and cell phone

Do you receive pay for working as a judge?

Yes – students are paid the same rate as all other judges which is \$220.00.

How many hours do you have to work?

Polls are open 6:00 am – 7:00 pm. You must report to the polling place by 5:00 am and remain until closing duties are completed.

How do I become a Student Election Judge?

Complete the form inside and return to your Guidance Counselor. We will then contact you as needed to schedule you for a specific precinct.

If I submit the form, will I definitely be scheduled to work?

Students will be used throughout the County to fill any vacant judge positions. Unfortunately, we may not be aware of where and how many vacancies exist until one to two weeks prior to the election. We will do our best to use as many students as possible and provide you with notice as timely as possible.

ELECTION INFORMATION

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

(Held on the 3rd Tuesday in March of even years)

Offices to be nominated:

Federal, State, Judicial and County

Offices to be elected:

Precinct Committeepersons
Delegates & Alternate Delegates
State Central Committeewomen
State Central Committeemen

GENERAL ELECTIONS

(Held on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of even years)

Offices to be elected:

Federal, State, Judicial and County

CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTIONS

(If required – Held on the last Tuesday in February of odd years)

Offices to be nominated:

Municipal (Nonpartisan)

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTIONS

(Held on the 1st Tuesday in April of odd years)

Offices to be elected:

Municipal, Township, Park, Library,
School, Community College, SMEAA,
Fire District, Water District



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SANGAMON COUNTY STUDENT ELECTION JUDGE PROGRAM

WANTED

High School Seniors & Juniors



YOU BE THE JUDGE



DON GRAY
Sangamon County Clerk



APPLICATION FOR STUDENT ELECTION JUDGE

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Ph: _____ Home Ph: _____ Email: _____

High School Name: _____ Party Affiliation: _____
(Republican or Democrat)

WHY BE A STUDENT ELECTION JUDGE

- \$220.00 compensation for working
- Hands-on experience with the election process
- Appreciation of the importance of voting
- Gain knowledge on polling place activities
- Good way to become involved in the community

WHAT DOES AN ELECTION JUDGE DO

- Judges are the sole authority in polling place
- Judges are responsible for the fair and legal conduct of the Election, according to election laws
- Judges must maintain order in the polling place
- Judges set-up the polls before they open at 6:00 am
- Judges process voters by issuing ballots and necessary forms
- Judges restrict electioneering within 100 ft from the entrance to the polling place
- Judges perform several closing procedures after the polls close at 7:00 pm

PLEASE CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE

To be completed by student applicant

I affirm that:

I am a United States Citizen

I am a high school senior or junior in good standing

I have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

In addition, I understand that I must satisfactorily complete a training course before serving as an election judge.

Student Signature

Date

To be completed by High School Principal

I nominate the above named senior or junior to serve as a student Election Judge and affirm that he/she:

- Is a United States Citizen
- Is a high school senior or junior in good standing
- Has a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Principal Signature

Date

To be completed by parent or legal guardian

I affirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above named student. I further affirm that he/she:

- Is a United States Citizen
- Is a high school senior or junior in good standing
- Has a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Cell

Date

After completion of this application form, please return to: **Your Guidance Counselor**

We will then contact you regarding upcoming Election Judge Schools and dependent upon availability, we will schedule you to work a specific precinct.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE STUDENT ELECTION JUDGE PROGRAM!!

