

Youth at the Booth Overview

- ★ Seniors in good standing who are 17 years old or older and interested in community service are eligible to become election officials with approval from their school.
- ★ YOUTH AT THE BOOTH STUDENT MUST ATTEND TRAINING AND COMMIT TO WORK THE ENTIRE DAY ON ELECTION DAY, **TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023.**
- ★ All Election Day duties must be executed without partisan bias and without promoting any point of view on a candidate or issue.

Students will have an opportunity to:

- ★ **Earn \$158 for attending training and working on Election Day** (or donate earnings toward a school club or project).
- ★ Obtain service experience for job resume and college applications.
- ★ Better understand the election and voting process.
- ★ Feel pride for helping the community by helping assure that every voter can vote.

Student participation criteria:

- ★ Be at least 17 years old.
- ★ Student MUST provide Social Security Number (for payroll purposes only).
- ★ Be a resident of Franklin County **and a U.S. citizen.**
- ★ Have parental approval (Application/Permission Form MUST BE COMPLETE).
- ★ Have access to reliable transportation and **be willing to work AT ANY FRANKLIN COUNTY voting location.**
- ★ Attend a required training session, including a portion online (2.5 - 3 hours)
- ★ Be willing to work the entire day on Election Day (5:30 a.m. **until excused, usually after 8:30 p.m.**)

Teacher Implementation Steps for May 2023:

Step 1: Distribute the Student Application/Permission Flyer to students.

NOTE: Only distribute the flyer to students who are Seniors in good standing.

- ★ All students must complete an Application on the Election Worker Portal.
- ★ **PLEASE NOTE!** Only those students who will be 18 on or before Election Day on November 7th, 2023 need to complete a Voter Registration form. (May be completed online.)
- ★ The information will remain only with the Board of Elections and will not be shared with other parties.

Step 2: Poll Worker Training Sessions

- ★ The Board of Elections will schedule training at your school if you have 15 students participate. These training sessions will be 2.5-3 hours in length.
- ★ Training is mandatory.
- ★ Students may be given a form for obtaining a signature from the Voting Location Manager, indicating that the student fulfilled their duties. (Available on the Board of Elections Website).
- ★ Encourage eligible students to vote absentee, since they will be at the polls all day on Election Day and are unlikely to work at the precinct where they would vote.

Step 3: Remind Students that, on Election Day, they must:

- ★ Work all day from 5:30 a.m. until excused on Election Day, which is usually 8:30 p.m. but could be later.
- ★ Act in a nonpartisan manner (no political buttons, badges, pencils or t-shirts).
- ★ Dress in an appropriate manner, no low riders, no ultra-short skirts, no blue jeans, no sweats, no sandals or flip flops. A Youth at the Booth T-Shirt will be provided.
- ★ Fully participate as precinct officials. Students will have the same duties as adult workers.
- ★ **Bring lunch, dinner, snacks and beverage and homework or reading materials.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, call the Franklin County Board of Elections 614.525.5393 or email Hannahy.Francis@vote.franklincountyohio.gov.

Student Application Steps:

Step 1: Commit to the requirements of working as a Youth at the Booth election official.

• You must be at least age 17, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Franklin County.

★ You **MUST** agree to the commitment of being a poll worker which means working ALL DAY on Election Day, Tuesday, May 2nd from 5:30 a.m. until released by the location manager which will be at least 8:30 p.m. or when work at that site is completed.

Step 2: Start the application process.

★ Complete the Application on our Election Worker Portal. Your parent/guardian must complete their signature line.

★ If you are 18 or will be on or before November 7th, 2023 you must also register to vote. You can register online at <https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>. Note: To complete your Voter Registration online, you must have the last four digits of you Social Security number AND your Ohio Driver's License/Permit or State ID number.

★ If you have already registered to vote go to the Board of Elections website and check on your voter registration status. Check status at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/boe>. Select "My Registration" from the "Voter" drop down menu. Log in to verify that you are already registered. (Please note that a new Voter Registration Form is required if you have any change in name or address.)

★ This information must be complete to qualify for Youth at the Booth. The information will remain only with the Board of Elections and will not be shared with any other parties.

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