



Youth at the Booth Overview

Students in good standing who are 17 or 18 years old and interested in community service are eligible to become Poll Workers with approval from their school.

Students will have an opportunity to:

- Earn \$193.72 for attending training and working on Election Day (or donate their earnings).
- 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 and a student in good standing who will represent the school well.
- 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 interview/ training session (2 hours).
- Be willing to work the entire day on Election Day (5:30AM until excused, usually after 8:30PM).

Sponsor Implementation Steps for the Upcoming Election

Step 1:

- Distribute the “Student Application/Permission Form” to students. NOTE: Only distribute the flyer to students who are 17 or 18 years old in good standing.
- Only those students who will be 18 on or before the upcoming Election need to complete a “Voter Registration” form. [Paper Voter Registration Form](#) or [Online Voter Registration](#)
- 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 a training at your high school if you have at least 10 students participate. These trainings will be 2 hours in length (training is mandatory).
- 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 5:30AM until excused on Election Day, which is usually 8:30PM but could be later.
- Act in a nonpartisan manner (no political buttons, badges, pencils, or t-shirts).
- Dress in appropriate, business casual, attire. A Youth at the Booth T-Shirt will be provided.
- Fully participate as Poll Workers, as students will have the same duties as adults. Students may be given a letter of recommendation if the Voting Location Manager indicates that the student fulfilled their duties well on Election Day.
- Bring lunch, dinner, snacks, beverages, and homework or reading materials.

TO GET YOUR HIGH SCHOOL INVOLVED AND ASK QUESTIONS, call our Youth at the Booth Coordinator, 614-525-6701 or email, Hannah.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 17 or 18 years old and in good standing at your high school.
 - Be a U.S. Citizen and a resident of Franklin County.
 - Register to vote in Franklin County (if you will be 18 years old on or before the upcoming Election).
 - Attend a mandatory interview/ training session.
 - Be willing to work approximately 15 hours on Election Day.



- Be able to find reliable transportation for Election Day.

Step 2:

- Complete the application handed to you by your school's sponsor (your parent/ guardian must complete their signature line) and return to your sponsor by the deadline.
- Register to vote if you will be 18 on or before the upcoming Election.
 - [Online Voter Registration](#)
 - [Paper Voter Registration Form](#) (This MUST be completed and signed in ink and sent directly to Attn: Youth at the Booth, Franklin County Board of Elections, 1700 Morse Road, Columbus, OH 43229.)

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