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Champions of Democracy Poll Worker Training Starts Monday

(Columbus) Champions of Democracy, a program by the Franklin County Board of Elections that has recruited poll workers from some of the area's largest employers since 2004, will resume Monday with the first of three classes to train those who will work in the March 6 primary election.

Training classes are scheduled at the following dates and times:

- Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, 3 Nationwide Plaza, Monday, February 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- American Electric Power, 1 Riverside Plaza, Friday, February 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The Ohio State University, Suite 430, 1590 N. High Street, Monday February 27 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Approximately 100 employees from these organizations will be among 4,000 poll workers staffing precincts throughout the county on Election Day. The goals of Champions of Democracy include:

- Increasing the number of election workers
- Expanding public knowledge of the voting process
- Creating opportunities for individuals to meet civic responsibilities
- Developing outreach programs to increase voting

Anyone interested in working the polls on Election Day may apply online at <http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov>. The board of elections will offer onsite training at an employer's office or location of their choice if at least 15 employees participate.

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