

Defend Democracy!

Be A Precinct Election Official

Thriving communities are hubs for thriving businesses. We believe in giving back to the community that is a great place for our employees to live and Lake County a great place to work. One of the best ways to develop a stronger community is to encourage civic engagement, and the easiest way to do this is to vote. But to help those in our community make their voice heard, our county board of elections needs poll workers. Many local races this past November General Election proved that every vote counts and poll workers were the essential reason that Ohioans had a smooth election. To accomplish this, thousands of Ohioans dedicate themselves to sustaining the backbone of democracy on election day. Poll workers help ensure that our elections are fair, and in doing so, maintain the traditions of our past and our hopes for the future. So please help Lake County in achieving this by signing up to be a poll worker. You can sign up at VoteOhio.gov or by contacting Jessica at Lake County Board of Elections via call or email.

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POLL WORKER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If I sign up, am I obligated to be a poll worker?

No, signing up puts you on a list to be contacted by your board of elections to see if you are qualified and provide more information. You will then need to attend a training session. Finally, you will be assigned a polling location to work on Election Day. If you are sick on Election Day, please contact the county board of elections ASAP.

How much will I be paid?

The average poll worker earns around \$100 to \$150, including paid training. You could earn up to \$200 depending on the county and position.

Is there training?

Yes, about three hours with classes during the week, weeknights, and weekends.

How long do I work on Election Day?

Poll workers report around 5:30 am to ready the polls for 6:30 am opening and stay until after the polls close at 7:30 pm. There are breaks and you are not required to stand on your feet all day. There are no partial shifts available.

How do I get continued education credit?

Certain professions (lawyers, CPAs, etc.) are eligible to receive required continued education or continued learning credits for working a day at the polls. You must include your association number (attorney number for example) to the county board when you sign up and sign in on Election Day. The board will then send the confirmation to your association to receive the credits.

Your association or county board of elections will have more information.

Can I receive class extra credit for working the polls?

Many schools and teachers are willing to offer students extra credit to serve as poll workers. Check with your school for additional information.

If extra credit is available, your county board of elections can provide any necessary verification that you attended training and worked on Election Day.