



Pollworker FAQs

What do pollworkers do?

- As a pollworker, you will be asked to set-up a polling place; help sign in voters, issue ballots, and assist with the closing of the poll. There are two different types of pollworkers: **Inspectors** and **Clerks**.

What is the difference between an Inspector and a Clerk?

- An **Inspector** is responsible for the overall operation of the polling place. Additionally, Inspectors are responsible for picking up polling place supplies prior to Election Day, working with other members of the precinct board to assist voters, closing the polls at the end of the night and delivering the ballots and supplies to Check-in Center (CIC).
- A **Clerk** is responsible for helping to set up the polling place, signing in voters, issuing ballots, demonstrating how to use the voting device, and receiving voted ballots back from voters. They also help close down the poll at the end of the night. Bilingual Clerks are especially needed to help serve the needs of limited English proficient voters.

How much are pollworkers paid?

- **Inspectors** can earn up to \$175 for working on Election Day (\$100 for working on Election Day, \$50 for picking up and dropping off the polling place supplies and voting equipment before and on Election Day, and \$25 for attending a 2 ½ hour in person training and completing Inspector online training).
- **Clerks** can earn up to \$105 for working on Election Day (\$25 for attending a 2-hour training and \$80 for working on Election Day).

What are the hours?

- Polling places operate from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. All pollworkers arrive to their assigned polling place by 6:00 a.m. and end their day after the polls close around 9:30 p.m.

What if I am bilingual?

- We are especially interested in bringing bilingual pollworkers on board. Individuals who are fluent in English and, at least, one of the following eight languages: Chinese (both Mandarin/Cantonese), Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai, and Vietnamese are strongly encouraged to participate as pollworkers.

How do I know if I am eligible to be a pollworker?

- To be a pollworker you must be a registered voter and a resident of Los Angeles County, a U.S. Citizen, and 18 years of age by Election Day. Students must be 16 years old, a U.S. Citizen with a GPA of 2.5 or above and attend a high school participating in the Star Student Pollworker Program.

Do you provide transportation for pollworkers?

- All pollworkers must find transportation to and from their poll location on Election Day. However, every attempt is made to assign individuals to polling places near their residence.

What are the requirements to volunteer my residence or business as a polling place?

- To volunteer your residence or business as a polling place, the facility must have:
 - At least 15 X 20 square feet; minimum of 400 square feet
 - Sufficient parking
 - Disabled accessible ramps and disabled parking
 - Access to a restroom on site.
 - Enclosed area with proper (adequate) lighting and heating
 - 1 to 2 tables with 4 to 6 chairs
 - Electric outlet for Precinct Ballot Reader
 - Poll location available between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. (approx.) on Election Day

What is the stipend for volunteering a polling place?

- The stipend for volunteering your facility as a polling place is \$25 per precinct.

Can Pollworkers work part of the day?

- Poll workers serve the entire day.

If I have previously worked at the polls, do I need to reapply for each election cycle?

- Once you have worked at the polls on election day, your record will remain active and you do not have to apply again. If you want to determine whether you are still on the active Poll Worker file, call our office 1.800.815.2666 option 7.

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