

High School Student Poll Worker FAQs

What is the High School Student Poll Worker Program?

- This program gives high school students the opportunity to serve as poll workers at one of the vote centers located throughout San Diego County on Election Day
- Students will earn a stipend and community service hours by serving as a poll worker

What are the requirements I must meet to serve as a student poll worker?

- Be at least 16 years of age on or before Election Day
- Be a U.S. citizen or a Legal Permanent Resident with a Social Security number
- Be able to speak, read and write in English
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Have written parent/guardian and teacher approval to participate
- Complete two hours of in-person training
- Have transportation to/from assigned vote center
- Be available to work from 6:30am until 8pm on Election Day
- Understand and be able to perform poll worker responsibilities

What will I do as a poll worker on Election Day?

- Greet and welcome voters and visitors to the vote center
- Assist voters throughout the voting process
- Activate and pull up a voter's ballot
- Accurately follow all election procedures as trained
- Direct voter and observer questions to the vote center Site Manager

I'm bilingual; will I be able to utilize my language skills to assist voters?

- You may be assigned to a bilingual position. Federal and State laws require that we provide language assistance in Arabic, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Persian, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese

I've never been a poll worker; how will I know what to do?

- Students will attend a required two hour in-person training and receive a manual to use as a reference on Election Day
- An experienced Site Manager will be available at your vote center to answer any questions you may have
- Students will be invited to visit their vote center prior to Election Day to shadow another poll worker and familiarize themselves with tasks included at their assigned station
- A Poll Worker Hotline is available with trained, experienced operators to assist you through any situation that may arise at the vote center

Where will I work and for how long?

- You will be assigned to work at a vote center within 10 miles of your home
- All students are assigned to work on Election Day from 6:30am - 8pm

How do I apply to serve as a high school student poll worker and what can I expect after I apply?

- Students can access the application from sdvote.com or receive a copy from their school facilitator
- Students will complete the application, gather the required signatures and return it to their school facilitator
- The completed application will be submitted to the ROV by your school facilitator
- Once the ROV receives your application, you will be contacted about available assignments

Will I be paid to serve as a poll worker and when?

- Students will receive a stipend approximately six weeks after completing their assignment

***Applying to serve as a poll worker does not guarantee a position
The Registrar of Voters may revise assignments as needed***