

Poll Worker FAQ:

Q: What is the age requirement to be a poll worker?

A: You must be 18 years or older and registered to vote, or 17 years old and currently in high school

Q: Will I be paid to be a poll worker?

A: Yes. You will be paid for working on Election Day, as well as for mandatory training. If you do not show on Election Day, you will not get paid for training.

Q: Do I need to be a registered voter?

A: Yes. You must be a registered voter in Trumbull County.

Q: Do I need to be a U.S. citizen?

A: Yes. You must be a U.S. citizen to work the polls and be paid by Trumbull County.

Q: Can I Serve If I Have a Felony Conviction?

A: No. Under Ohio law, you cannot serve as a poll worker if you have been convicted of a felony or violated election laws.

Q: Can I just work a shift, or do I have to work all day?

A: To preserve the chain of custody on all equipment and supplies, the Trumbull County Board of Elections does not offer shifts or half days. Election Day starts at 5:30 AM and lasts until about 8:30 PM, though you do receive an hour lunch break and other breaks throughout the day.

Q: Can I leave during my lunch break?

A: Yes, of course! We know it's a long day.

Q: Will I work at my home polling location?

A: We do our best to place you at your home polling location or close to it. However, as the election gets closer and spots fill up, you may be asked to travel to a location where we really need poll workers. Flexibility is greatly appreciated!

Q: Why am I asked to associate with a major political party on Election Day?

A: We ask you to represent one of the two major parties on Election Day to ensure we have equal representation for both sides. This ensures fairness and offers checks and balances in the electoral process. However, no political attire or talk is allowed on Election Day. We're all just friends and neighbors administering an election!

Q: What happens after I fill out the online application?

A: One of our poll worker coordinators (Melissa or Jennifer) will contact you via phone or email to schedule training. You can also give them a call with further questions!

Q: Why do I have to attend training if I went to a training for the last Election?

A: There may be legal or procedural updates you need to know about, and it's easy to forget minor (but important) details from election to election. This is a very important job; most people need to be refreshed, so Trumbull County requires ALL poll workers to train before each election.

Q: When will I be paid?

A: Training and Election Day are paid together. You will receive a check in the mail about 3 weeks after the election. We have over 700 poll workers to process in a very short timeframe, so we ask for your patience, but we try to get you paid as quickly as possible.