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Maryland State Board of Elections Encourages Marylanders to Explore the Benefits of Serving as Election Judges and Election Pages

ANNAPOLIS (May 12, 2026) — [The Maryland State Board of Elections](#) (SBE) is calling on eligible Marylanders to take part in the 2026 Primary Election by serving as election judges and election pages.

There are several benefits to serving as an election judge. Eligible Marylanders aged 16 and older can earn money and help other residents cast their votes by serving as election judges. Those who have previously served as an Election Judge are eligible for a one-time \$100 bonus payment. Election judges check in voters, provide guidance and answer questions, and help oversee a smooth voting experience. To apply to be an election judge, [use SBE's online form](#) or contact your [local Board of Elections](#). It is vital to SBE operations to have an adequate number of Election Judges on call, in the event that there are last minute cancellations and to help begin recruitment for the 2026 General Election cycle.

Additionally, eligible 14-15-year-olds can serve as Election Day Pages. Pages are student volunteers who, under the direction of Chief Election Judges, assist Election Judges and voters on Election Day. To become an Election Day Page, [apply using our online form](#) or contact your [local Board of Elections](#). Serving as an election page also provides students with an opportunity to earn service-learning credit hours for school.

“Election judges and pages are essential to the success of Maryland’s elections and the strength of our democratic process,” said State Administrator Jared DeMarinis. “Their service helps ensure every voter can cast a ballot confidently and that every vote is counted accurately, fairly, and securely. Election judges also play a crucial role in maintaining the integrity and security of elections across the state. For younger Marylanders, serving as an election page offers a unique and rewarding introduction to the election process and civic engagement. I encourage all eligible Marylanders to consider serving their communities as election judges or election pages and help protect the voting rights of their fellow citizens.”

State of Maryland employees and county government employees who are scheduled to be an election judge can earn administrative leave. Be sure to check with your employer for any added benefits of serving as an election judge.

Please remember to rely on your state and local government election officials as your trusted sources for election information. Additional information about Maryland’s Primary Election can be found at vote.md.gov/vote2026 or by downloading the free Go Vote Maryland! app from the [Google Play store](#) or the [Apple store](#).

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