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Marylanders Encouraged to Serve as Election Judges and Election Pages in the 2026 Election

ANNAPOLIS (August 11, 2026) — Marking National Poll Worker Recruitment Day, The Maryland State Board of Elections is encouraging registered voters and students to sign up soon to serve as Election Judges and Election Day Pages in the 2026 General Election.

Election Judges and pages play a critical role in elections and enjoy benefits of knowing they are assisting Marylanders exercise their fundamental Constitutional right to vote – deciding Maryland's future. Eligible Marylanders ages 16 and older can earn money starting at \$250 per day by serving as Election Judges. Those who have previously served as judges are also eligible for a one-time \$100 bonus payment.

Election Judges help administer a verified, transparent and secure election by checking in voters, providing guidance, and answering voter's questions. To apply to be an Election Judge, use SBE's [online form](#) or contact your [local Board of Elections](#). It is critical to have a sufficient number of Election Judges on call in the event of cancellations. No prior experience is needed, and training is provided.

Additionally, eligible 14 and 15-year-olds can serve as Election Day Pages. Pages assist voters on Election Day under the direction of Chief Election Judges. Serving as a page also gives students the opportunity to earn service-learning credit hours for school. To apply, use our [online form](#) or contact your [local Board of Elections](#).

"It is never too soon to apply to serve as an Election Judge or Election Day Page," said State Administrator Jared DeMarinis. "Serving as an Election Judge is your chance to help fellow Marylanders exercise their right to vote and shape Maryland's future. For younger Marylanders, serving as an Election Day Page lets you play an active role in understanding how democracy works while earning school service credit. With the general election around the corner, I ask Marylanders to show up and serve as an Election Judge or Election Day Page. Without the nearly 26,000 election judges serving, we would not be able to stage the election. Being an Election Judge or Page is an integral, vital and necessary part for ensuring our elections are verified, secure and transparent."

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

National Poll Worker Recruitment Day is an annual, nonpartisan initiative held each August to encourage citizens to serve as election workers and help ensure elections run smoothly. The day raises awareness of the critical role poll workers play in assisting voters, operating polling places, and maintaining the integrity and accessibility of the voting process. Election officials across the

country use the occasion to recruit new poll workers and encourage community members of all backgrounds to get involved in supporting democracy.

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