



Program Description

The ***Election Day LIVE*** poll worker recruitment program enables 16 and 17-year-old students a “live” experience of democracy in action on Election Day. This program provides an opportunity for a student to learn about democracy, to actively participate in their community and work to support free and fair elections in Indiana.

Students are selected by a teacher for the program. Being selected to participate reflects that the student is a person of strong character, work ethic, and integrity and meets the required GPA of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. As a poll worker, the student will serve the entirety of Election Day, being trained, positioned, and paid as any adult poll worker.

This program provides an opportunity for a student to become active in local government and politics, as well as a possible jump-start to anyone considering political or governmental studies in college. This program also looks great on a resume.

By participating in ***Election Day LIVE***, a student is not only contributing to the election process, but setting an example for others that one has a right and responsibility to play an active role in democracy. If this sounds like a program you would like to be a part of, please fill out the attached application and return it to your teacher by _____.

Statute, Qualifications, and Policy

Current Indiana law allows 16 and 17-year-old high school students to work as poll workers on Election Day, under the following provisions: The individual:

- Is sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years of age.
- Is a citizen of the United States and a resident of the county in which they wish to work on Election Day.
- Has a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Has the written approval of their principal or, if the student is educated at home, the approval of the individual responsible for the education of the student.
- Has the approval of their parent or guardian.
- Must satisfactorily complete any training required by the county election board.
- Is otherwise eligible to serve as a precinct officer under IC 3-6-6-7.