



How to Become an Election Official

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be registered to vote in Cerro Gordo County
- For partisan elections must be affiliated with the Republican or Democratic Parties or designate No Party affiliation
- Have good reading and listening skills

TRAINING

- Schools of instruction are held periodically
- New workers receive on-the-job training from experienced workers

PAY

- You will be paid a daily rate

When might I work?

Depending on the size and interest in the election, the availability of workers in your precinct, and the balance of Democratic / Republican and experienced / new workers, you may be called for any or all of the following:

CITY/SCHOOL ELECTIONS are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years.

GENERAL ELECTIONS are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June of even-numbered years.

SPECIAL ELECTIONS are called as necessary and are always held, as other elections in Iowa, on a Tuesday.

HOURS THE POLLS are open vary depending on the type of election. In primary and general elections the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. In city/school elections the polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Date:

APPLICATION TO SERVE AS AN ELECTION OFFICIAL

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

e-mail address: _____

BIRTHDATE _____

PHONE # _____

POLITICAL PARTY _____

PRECINCT _____

Would you be willing to serve at a precinct other than your own when needed? _____

Signature _____

Comments _____



This pamphlet will instruct you on how you can become a Precinct Election Official, but first, you should know more

What Does a Precinct Election Official Do?

- ✓ Prepare equipment and a polling place for voting
- ✓ Determine the eligibility of voters
- ✓ Instruct the voters on marking the ballot
- ✓ Close out voting equipment, complete paperwork and close the polls
- ✓ Return supplies, ballots & results to the courthouse

Are you up to the challenge?

Good!

Read on

Serving as an Election Official is an Important Responsibility!

The integrity of the election process and the people's trust and confidence in the results are the foundations of democracy.

That trust and confidence relies on people like you. The conduct of elections needs to be impartial, efficient, and accountable. We need to see that everyone's right to vote is protected, and that we as a people are protected against voter fraud.

We are prepared to provide you the training and tools to become an important part of this process, if you are prepared to assume this important responsibility.

For more information, contact:

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How Can I Become a

Cerro Gordo County Precinct Election Official?

Read this brochure

Fill out the enclosed application

You will be notified by mail before each election