



County of Santa Cruz

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Dear Parent:

With your permission, the Santa Cruz County Clerk-Elections Department would like to encourage your son or daughter to volunteer as a student poll worker for the Presidential General Election on November 8, 2016.

All students who are placed at a polling place are required to:

- Attend a two hour training class. Classes are offered at a variety of times and dates in various locations. A schedule of classes will be sent with your student's assignment letter.
- Arrive at their assigned polling place by 6:00 am and work until approximately 10:00 pm. There will be opportunities for breaks throughout the day.
- Provide their own transportation to and from training and the polling place on Election Day.

Students will serve with 4 to 5 other members of our community on a precinct board. For the convenience of both students and parents, students are assigned to a polling place as close to their home or school as possible.

In addition to this being a valuable learning experience about the democratic process, students will receive a stipend of \$75 for serving on Election Day and an additional \$20 for attending training. Your student must work on Election Day to receive the training stipend. Payment is mailed approximately 3 weeks after Election Day.

Rewards of being a Student Poll Worker include:

- Hands-on introduction to the democratic process
- Students who volunteer at the polls are more likely to become lifelong voters
- Earning community service hours
- Earning a stipend of up to \$95
- Experience can be included on college and scholarship applications and resumes
- Gaining the satisfaction that comes from helping out their community

Before being assigned to work on Election Day, students must complete the Student Poll Worker Application including parent and teacher signatures, and return it to the County Clerk-Elections Department. If for some reason your son or daughter is unable to participate after being placed on a board, please remind them to call our office immediately. We are counting on them to be there. If you have any questions about the Student Poll Worker Program, or are interested in volunteering with your student, please contact Lynn Stipes at 831-454-2416 or lynn.stipes@santacruzcounty.us

Thank you for allowing your student to volunteer!