How to Become an Elections Poll Worker

What are the requirements for serving as a poll worker?

- You must be at least 18 years old. There is an exception for 17-year-olds provided that your local Director of Elections participates in the Student Election Assistant program and your high school principal recommends you for eligibility.

- You must be registered to vote in Pennsylvania and within your respective election district for at least 30 days before the election.

- You will have to take an oath to swear to uphold the duties of being a poll worker.

- Almost all new poll workers are expected to attend a mandatory hands-on and in-depth training session, for which some pay may be provided.

The following people are not eligible to be poll workers:

- People who were incarcerated in a penal institution for a felony conviction within the last 5 years, and

- Elections officers who held or will hold a government job, appointment, or office within 2 months of working as an elections officer.

In order to start the process to become a poll worker, you can contact your county’s Director of Elections directly to get more information about the needs of your polling site.