

# Student Election Judges

If you are a High School Junior or Senior, you may apply to serve as a student election judge even though you may not be old enough to vote.

## Duties

Student judges share the same duties, hold the same authority and perform the same tasks as other election judges.

They have many duties including:

- Opening the polling place in the morning and closing it at night;
- Responsible for all election materials;
- Provide assistance to voters;
- Check in voters;
- Ensure that only qualified voters are permitted to vote and that each qualified voter is permitted to vote only one time and that all votes are cast in secret;
- Distribute ballots;
- Maintain order in the polling place throughout the day;
- Tally the vote after the polls are closed; and certify the election results in that precinct.

## Qualifications (ILCS 5/13-4)

To be eligible to serve as a student election judge, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States by the time of the election;
- Be a High School Junior or Senior in good standing enrolled in a public or private secondary school;
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale;
- Successfully complete an election judge training course conducted by the Clerk's Office;
- Have written approval by your High School Principal;
- Have written approval from a parent or legal guardian.

## Hours

Election Judges arrive at the polling place at **5:00 A.M.** and work until the supplies are packed up after the polls close at 7:00 P.M. **Election Judges are required to work the entire day.**

## Compensation

Certified Elections Judges receive \$225.00 for the day.