

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR STUDENT ELECTION ASSISTANTS

1. Do I have to be 17 to complete an application?

No. We encourage 16 year olds to complete an application. Once you become 17, we will call you and ask if you are willing to serve for the next election.

2. What if I am appointed and cannot work a scheduled election?

We expect appointed student assistants to work scheduled elections as long as they are High School Students except for unavoidable circumstances such as illness, family emergency etc. You must notify us if you cannot work a scheduled election.

3. What hours do I work on Election Day?

You must arrive at the polling place by 6:00 am and you may not leave, except in case of emergency, until the election results have been successfully sent and all supplies packed up – approximately 8:00 pm.

4. Am I expected to work other than on Election Day?

Yes. You will be asked to help set up the polling place on Monday afternoon or evening, the day before the election. This will take about one hour. Your pay for set-up will be included with your Election Day pay.

5. Do I need any special training?

Yes. You will be required to attend two or three training sessions prior to an election. Classes are held at various times for your convenience. The pay for attending training sessions will be included with your Election Day pay.

6. What will I be doing?

Student assistants can be used in all capacities not specifically designated to the Chief Judge or Judges. You may be assigned to: greet voters as they enter the polling place, assist curbside disabled or elderly voters outside the polling place, work at the registration table, work at the Help Table using a laptop, issue ballots, assist voters having difficulty inserting ballots in the tabulator, or distribute "I voted" stickers. Your assignments may vary throughout the day.

7. Where will I be working?

You will be assigned to your home precinct (based on your residence address), if there is a need for an official there. If there is no opening at your home precinct, you will be assigned to the closest precinct needing an additional official.

8. How should I dress on Election Day?

Wear comfortable clothing, preferably layers, as the temperature at some polling places will fluctuate during the day. Precinct Officials may not wear partisan political badges, political jewelry or insignia inside or outside the polling place.

9. Do I get breaks during the day?

Yes. You may ask the Chief Judge to replace you for a few minutes so that you may take a break. You may not leave the polling place during a break. North Carolina General Statute 163-47 specifies that officials must stay in one another's presence throughout Election Day except for unavoidable necessities e.g. restroom breaks.

10. What do I do about food on Election Day?

Bring whatever snacks, beverages and meals you think you will need for the entire day. Not all polling places have access to a refrigerator so bringing your food in a small cooler would be convenient.

11. When do I get paid?

Your pay sheet will be processed by our office and sent to the County Finance Department where your check will be printed and mailed. You should receive your check two to three weeks after the election.