

MONTEREY COUNTY ELECTIONS



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Monterey County Elections Student Program

What is the Monterey County Elections Student Program?

Legislation¹ in California allows eligible students to serve as poll workers. Participating students will serve in the operation of a poll site on Election Day or participate in the student outreach internship program.

Eligible students will be nominated by a teacher, at least 16 years of age at the time of the election, with at least a 2.5 GPA, and a United States Citizen or lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States. All volunteers must complete a form prior to training that requests their Social Security Number, residential address, mailing address, and an earnings statement.

Educators:

- ✓ Inform your students of this unique opportunity to be involved with their government.
- ✓ Nominate qualified eligible students to serve as poll workers.
- ✓ Follow up with your students about their Election Day experience.
- ✓ Share the student outreach internship opportunities. Email: mce.outreach@countyofmonterey.gov

Students:

- ✓ Participate in a 2.5-hour training class before the election.
- ✓ Be a member of a 4-6-person team and participate in the operation of a polling place on Election Day.
Note: Election Day can be a long one, 6:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., but it is a great experience!

Benefits:

- ✓ This opportunity will give students a "hands-on" experience, learning how local elections work.
- ✓ Students will receive training on how to open a polling place, process voters, and close the polls.
- ✓ It will inspire students to pre-register and to vote when they turn 18.
- ✓ Students gain a lifelong appreciation for the democratic process.
- ✓ Students play an active and important role in their community.
- ✓ Student poll workers may choose to receive community service credit or a stipend of \$110, in addition to a \$25 stipend for attending training.

To nominate a student please use the **Student Poll Worker Application**, or the application online at <https://www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-a-h/elections/get-involved/student-poll-worker-program/>. For more information call (831) 796-1485.

Applications can be returned via mail, fax, or in person at 1441 Schilling Place – North Building, Salinas.

¹ Election Code 12302; Education Code 48205

FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN & STUDENT TO COMPLETE:

I am interested in the **STUDENT POLL WORKER PROGRAM** and understand:

- I must commit to work the entire Election Day from 6:00 a.m. until all duties are complete, approximately 9:30 p.m.
- I must participate in a 2.5 hour required training class.
- I do have the transportation to and from the class and the assigned polling place.
- I shall earn \$25 for attending class and may earn \$110 **OR** community service credit for volunteering at a polling place.

It is my responsibility to notify all of my teachers of the date and times I will serve as an Election Officer.

By initialing, my parent/guardian and I agree that we have been informed of the responsibilities inherent in the Student Poll Worker Program as described above, and authorize that I am able to perform said duties

STUDENT INITIALS: _____ **PARENT/GUARDIAN INITIALS:** _____

I will serve for (check only one):

- Paid stipend (placement will be limited to areas where paid positions are available)
- Community service (priority placement)

I am interested in the **Student Outreach Internship Program**. I understand this internship position is assigned as needed for activities at the Monterey County Elections Office located at 1441 Schilling Place-North Building, Salinas, or at public events with the Elections Team. As an outreach intern I understand:

- I must participate in a 1 hour required training class.
- I shall serve at least four hours but may serve longer if I choose.
- I will earn community service credit only (this is not a paid position).

By initialing, my parent/guardian and I agree that we have been informed of the responsibilities inherent in the Student Outreach Internship position as described above and authorize that I am able to perform said duties.

STUDENT INITIALS: _____ **PARENT/GUARDIAN INITIALS:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN & STUDENT SIGNATURE REQUIRED	OFFICE USE ONLY:
	Contact Date: _____
Student: _____ Date: ____/____/____	Parent: Y N
	Eligible: Y N
Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: ____/____/____	Position: E.O. S.O.I.
	Bilingual: Y N
	WEF filed: Y N
<i>Incomplete or illegible applications may not be processed.</i>	Precinct: _____
	Poll Loc: _____

Questions? Call (831) 796-1485.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO SERVE!