Election Worker News
Montgomery County Board of Elections
March 2022

Gearing up for the June 28, 2022, Primary Gubernatorial Election

The Election Worker recruitment campaign is under way. Under Maryland law a new election application is required for each election cycle. You may log into EJ Connection to renew your application, confirm your availability, and update your contact information.

It's official! Montgomery County will have three new Early Voting sites for the 2022 elections. The new locations are White Oak Community Center (EV-12), Nancy H. Dacek North Potomac Community Recreation Center (EV-13), and Bauer Drive Community Recreation Center (EV-14). Location addresses can be found at www.777vote.org

Great News! In-Person training sessions will begin on March 28, 2022. The class schedule is available now to those who have completed both the Quiz and Online Training. Your Election Day Recruiter will contact you and notify you of your service position and training.

It's Back! The Pick-A-Pal Promotion is returning for 2022.

How to Renew your Application for 2022

Although you are listed in our system, you will need to verify your information and electronically confirm your plans to serve during the 2022 Election Cycle if you have not done so already. In February, you received a Kick-Off email for the 2022 Elections providing you with your Username and Password. Follow the steps below:

1. Visit the Montgomery County Board of Elections website www.777vote.org and select **Election Workers.** Next select **EJ Connection** to open the login page.

2. Enter your Username and Password (from the Kick-off email) to access the Election Worker Dashboard. Avoid login errors by manually typing in the log-in information **(cut and paste does not work)**.

3. Select **Application Renewal** in the **ACTION** box to open the application screen. (If your application renewal button is greyed out, you may go directly to Part I-Quiz and Part II- Online Training). Verify that all your information is correct or update any outdated information. Select NEXT to go to the next page. Review the summary of your information and if everything is correct select NEXT to continue (or PREVIOUS to go back to change your responses). Do not use the back button on your browser.

4. In section F, read the Affirmation statement and select the circle to confirm your agreement. Select **SUBMIT**. Congratulations, you're finished! You will receive a "thank you" message immediately on the screen and an email confirmation within a few minutes. The next steps are to read chapters 1 through 4, take the Quiz and once you have successfully passed, take the Online Training.

NOTE: IF you make changes to your name, address, or party affiliation (which affects your voter registration) you will be asked to print, sign, and submit an update form. **We must receive your signed form to process your application;** fax it to 240-777-8578 or scan and email it to election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov.

When you renew your election worker application, please refer to the **Party Affiliation Box** and ensure that your party affiliation on your application matches your Voter Registration record. Note, Unaffiliated and Other are separate affiliations. The party on your election worker application must match your Voter Registration record. To view your current voter information, select the **Voter Registration** tab on the Board of Elections website (www.777vote.org) then select **Verify your Voter Registration** and follow the prompts.	**Party Affiliations** • Democrat • Republican • Unaffiliated • Libertarian • Green • Working Class • Other

Dates to Remember

February 11, 2022:	Election Worker Kickoff
March 28, 2022:	In-Person Training Begins
June 7, 2022:	Deadline for Worker Applications (to serve in 2022 Primary)
June 7, 2022:	Voter Registration Deadline
June 15, 2022:	Early Voting Center Set-up Meetings
June 16, 2022:	Early Voting Begins
June 23, 2022:	Early Voting Ends
June 23 - 25, 2022:	Chief Judge Briefings
June 27, 2022:	Election Day Precinct Set-up Meetings
June 28, 2022:	**Gubernatorial Primary Election Day**
November 8, 2022:	**Gubernatorial General Election Day**

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) Empowerment Drive

Each election cycle, the recruitment and outreach team visit local high schools to educate and recruit eligible students to become election judges. Maryland Election law allows minors who are 16 years old to register to vote and serve as an Election Workers. These students are energetic, tech savvy and many possess bilingual capabilities.

In March, we will visit MCPS High Schools:

Damascus, Clarksburg, Springbrook, Blake, Seneca Valley, Magruder, Walter Johnson, Gaithersburg, Quince Orchard, Kennedy, and Paint Branch

Permission Slip Requirement

Election Workers under 18 years old must submit a Permission Slip signed by their parent or guardian to serve. The Permission Slip is available on the EJ Dashboard. The permission slip must be received in the office prior to the scheduling of your training. If you are 16 or 17 years old, you must meet the following requirements to participate by visiting our website www.777vote.org:

- **Register to Vote**: select *Online Voter Registration* tab and follow the prompts.

- **Submit an Election Worker application**: select *Election Workers* tab then *Getting Started*

- **Submit a Permission Slip**: select *Election Workers, Qualifications*, select the *Permission Slip* link, have your parents fill it out. Submit the form by mail, fax, or email (scan and attach to email).

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Training

Training consists of three parts – Part I-Online Quiz, Part II-Online Training Module, and Part III-In-Person Training Class. Completion of training is required by law to serve as an Election Worker.

Part I – Quiz

The Quiz includes reading portions of the Election Judge manual, looking at training videos and taking a Quiz. The Quiz provides basic information about serving as an Election Worker.

Part II – Online Training

Once you have completed and passed the Quiz you may take your Online Training. This training prepares you for what Election Workers will need to know when they are serving in a polling place. This training is information that all Election Workers should know.

Part III – In-Person Training Class

The In-Person Training class allows Election Workers to practice with actual election equipment. Workers will receive instruction on the procedures and responsibilities of the precinct team and their specific position. You will complete practice exercises and forms, role play with the voting equipment and simulate setting up and breaking down a polling place. The information from the first two parts of training will be used to enhance the experience of practicing on the equipment in the training class.

Scheduling In-Person Training Classes

In-Person training begins March 28, 2022. *Most* Election Workers, regardless of prior service, will attend a new In-Person training class. Once you have completed parts I and II of training your Recruiter will provide instructions on how to schedule your In-Person Training class. You will use our online scheduling feature on EJ Connection to select a class that best matches your schedule. Except for the first week, training will be offered at the training locations listed below. Training will be offered weekdays, evenings and weekends and will be posted in EJ Connection once finalized. Most classes will be held at the following offsite locations:

Training Locations

Directions to each training location are available on EJ Connection. To view the directions, look under Resource and select "Maps of Training locations".

Fleet Management Services: 16700 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville, MD 20855

Marilyn Praisner Community Recreation Center: 14906 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, MD 20866

Silver Spring Civic Center: One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Nancy Dacek N. Potomac Community Recreation Center: 13850 Travilah Road, Rockville, MD 20850

Wheaton Community Recreation Center: 11701 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902

Election Day Assignments

To be eligible to serve you must <u>complete</u> all required training. Please complete your training as soon as possible, especially if you would like to work as close as possible to your home. There are a limited number of positions in each precinct. Your assignments will be available on EJ Connection three weeks prior to Election Day if you have been assigned. Otherwise, once assigned you will receive an email instructing you to log in to EJ Connection to view your assignment.

Working Early Voting

If you wish to serve at one of the 14 Early Voting Centers, you will be *required* to serve on Election Day and a minimum of two Early Voting days. There is no additional training required to serve during Early Voting. To receive additional information about Early Voting training and service, please contact Maria Rodriguez at Maria.Rodriguez@montgomerycountymd.gov or Deborah Edwards-Stanback at Deborah.Edwards-Stanback@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Your Vote

Election Workers are asked to either Vote-by-Mail or during the Early Voting period at a time when you are not assigned to serve.   Complete, sign, and submit a mail-in ballot application as soon as possible. Applications will be available at training and are being mailed to every registered voter by the State Board of Elections. The Vote-by-Mail office will process your application and send you a mail-in ballot. Your voted ballot may be returned to the Board of Elections, mailed with a postmark by the Postal Service by Election Day or dropped in one of the designated Drop-Boxes by 8:00 pm on Election Day. Full day Election Workers who are **not** assigned to work in their voting precinct on Election Day who have not voted <u>must</u> vote a provisional ballot in their work precinct if they wish to cast their ballot since they will be unable to leave and go to their voting precinct.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

RECRUITER SPOTLIGHT
MEET COLE YOUNG
ELECTION DISTRICTS
1-2-3-9-6-11

Q. What is one thing, Election related, you have learned since being here?

• *"I learned that the Recruiting Department works almost daily with Outreach to get Maryland students registered so that they can serve on Election Day. Assisting with Outreach is one of my favorite parts of the job."*

Recruitment Staff

Election Judge Recruitment Coordinator- Aishah Mills-Pherigo   *240-777-8527*

Election Day Recruiters

- Deborah Hamer (District 13)   *240-777-8571*
- Cole Young (Districts 1,2,3,9,6 and 11)   *240-777-8657*
- Cesar Yambot (Districts 4, 8 and 12) 240-*777-8572*
- Bertha Miranda (Districts 5, 7 and 10) 240-*777-8656*

Early Voting Recruiters

- Maria Rodriguez (EV Sites 2, 5, 8, and 9) 240-*777-8577*
- Deborah Edwards-Stanback (EV Sites 3, 6, 7, and 11) 240-*777-8573*

Future Vote Initiative

Students in grades 6 – 12, can serve as Election Day aides. Students 16 years of age or older can register to vote and serve as an Election Worker to earn a stipend or SSL credits. The program's intent is to increase civic participation and knowledge of the electoral process. For more information visit our website and select the **Future Vote** tab.

Bilingual Election Workers are needed

Due to the requirements of Section 203 of the *1975 Voting Rights Act*, workers with Spanish speaking fluency are needed in every precinct. We are also looking for workers that speak Chinese, French, Korean and Vietnamese. Please list all languages that you speak fluently on your application.

Pick-A-Pal Promotion- Enter to win a Prize!!!!

The Pick-A-Pal Promotion is a chance for you and your "Pal" to win a fantastic prize after your service during Early Voting and Election Day. The winner(s) will receive a pair of tickets to an event at Strathmore and a photo opportunity with the Director of the Board of Elections and the Recruitment team. Tickets collected during the Primary Election will be included in this drawing.

Official Contest Rules:

1. Complete an entry ticket with your name and the name, phone number and email of a "Pal" you would like to refer to the Election Worker Program who has never served before. Entry tickets are available in training classes or you can contact your recruiter. Drop the entry ticket into the "Promotion Box" located in your training class. There is no limit to the number of referrals submitted.

2. This promotion will be held from March 28, 2022 until training classes end.

3.   To qualify to win, both "Pals" listed on the entry ticket must serve as Election Workers for the Gubernatorial Primary Election on June 28, 2022. The "Pal" who is referred must be new to the Program and has never served as an Election Worker. Both "Pals" must be in good standing with the Election Worker Program.

4.   The drawing will be held after the Primary Elections on (date-TBD) at the Board of Elections. The first entry ticket drawn for which both "Pals" qualify will be the winners!!

5.   Each "Pal" will receive a prize for their election day service.

6.   Good Luck!

Contacting Us

- **General Questions:** Call 240-777-8533

- **Email**: election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov

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As always, we depend on your support to ensure a smooth voting experience at the polls this year. See you soon!

We look forward to working with you!