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The Montgomery County Election Worker Program is ready to begin training and staffing for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election. The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, and Early Voting will be held Thursday, May 2, 2024, through Thursday, May 9, 2024. This newsletter contains important information and expectations for Election Workers.

**Renew Your Application:** Under Maryland law, a new Election Worker application is required for each election cycle. To renew your application, you must first create an account in the **NEW** EJ Connection portal. Due to system enhancements, you must complete the following process to create your account.

#### EJ Connection Sign Up Instructions

- 1. Visit the Montgomery County Board of Elections website at <a href="https://www.777vote.org">www.777vote.org</a> and select the Election Workers link.
- 2. Use the drop-down menu, select **EJ Connection** and the EJ Connection page is displayed
- **3.** Select the **EJ Connection** link and the home page appears as shown below.
- **4.** Select the Access EJ Connection button and the AccessMCG Sign In screen appears.

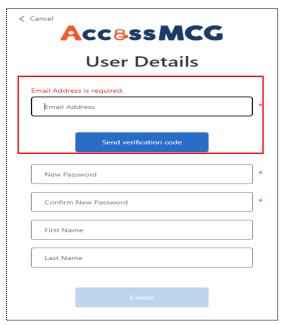


**5**. Select the **Sign up now** link and the AccessMCG User Details Screen appears.



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6. Enter the email address to be used for the account and select the Send Verification button and the AccessMCG User Details screen is updated as shown below. A verification code is sent to the email address entered. The email is sent from Microsoft on behalf of Montgomery County Government



7. Retrieve the verification code from your email and enter the code in the **Verification Code field**.

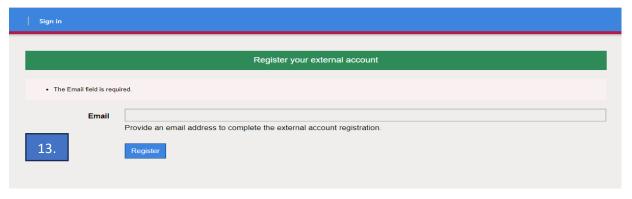


**8.** Select the **Verify Code** button and if the code if verified, the AccessMCG User Details screen is updated and displays the message, "Email address verified. You can now continue"

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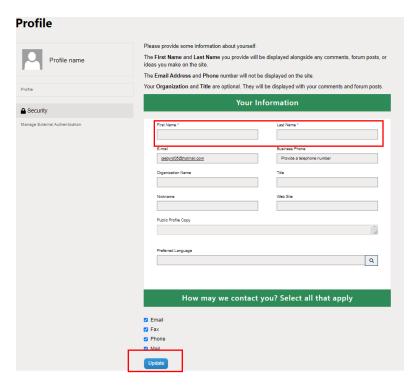
- **9.** Enter a password in the New Password field.
- **10.** Re-enter the password in the Confirm New Password field.
- **11.** Enter your first and last name in the designated fields.
- 12. Select the Create button and the Register your External Account appears as shown below



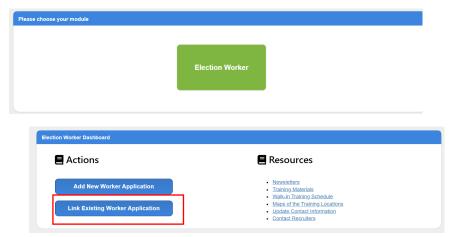
**13.** Enter the email used to create the account in the Email field and select **Register** and the Profile page is displayed.

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**14.** Enter your first name and last name in the designated fields and select the **Update** button at the bottom of the page.

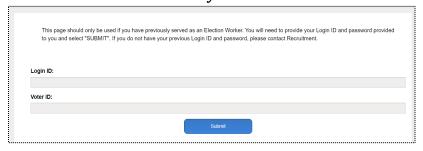


**15.** Select the **Election Worker** button and the Election Worker Dashboard appears.

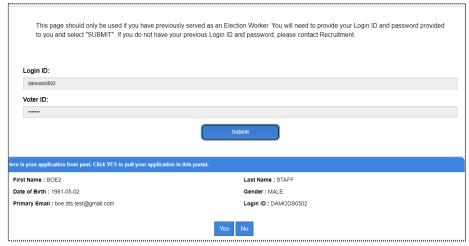


**16.** Select the **Link Existing Worker Application** button and the following screen appears. (next page) \*your Login Id and Voter Id are located in the Kick-Off email

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- **17.** Enter the Username provided via email in the Login ID field.
- **18.** Enter the Password provided via email in the Voter Id field and select the **Submit** button. The screen is updated as shown below and displays the identifying information of the existing application that will be linked.



**Note:** if the account to be linked is incorrect, select the **No** button and verify the information entered in the Login ID and Voter ID fields is correct and re-enter the information.

19. Select the Yes button.

Note: this process can take up to a minute to complete. **Do not close this window while your application is being processed.** 

The following confirmation message appears on the screen when the account is successfully linked.



**20.** Select the **Close** button and the Dashboard screen is displayed with an Application Renewal button.

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- **21.** Select the **Application Renewal** button and the application is displayed. The application will be pre-populated with the data from the Election Worker database.
- **22.** Review and/or update the data in the application.
- **23.** Read the Affirmation Statement and select the **Confirm** button.
- **24.** Submit the application and you will receive an email with directions for the next step in the process. *Note: if the email entered in the application is not the same as the email used to access the EJ Connection portal, the email is sent to the email address entered on the application.*

Please contact the recruiting office if you need assistance.

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#### **Election Training for the Primary Election**

Election Worker training is required by law to participate as an Election Worker in the 2024 Presidential Election process. Training for the election consist of two parts: an Online Quiz and an In-Person training session.

**Online Quiz**- The Online Quiz includes reading chapters 1-4 of the Election Judge manual, watching a video, and then completing a 50 question Quiz. The Quiz provides basic information about serving as an Election Worker. Once the Quiz is completed successfully with a passing score, a Recruiter will review the quiz results and email you information regarding your service position with instructions to schedule your In-Person Training. This may take 2-5 business days. Election Workers have two attempts to pass the quiz. If the second attempt to pass the quiz is unsuccessful, you are not eligible to move forward with participation for the upcoming election, but you may try again for the General Election.

**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.

**Scheduling In-Person Training-** Most positions, regardless of prior experience require In-Person training. Once you have successfully completed the Online Quiz, your Recruiter will provide instructions via email on how to schedule your In-Person Training class. In-Person Training is based on the specific position for which you are selected to serve. You will use our online scheduling feature in EJ Connection to select a class that best matches your schedule. Training is available on weekdays, evenings, and weekends. In-Person Training will begin mid-February.

**Note:** You will only be allowed one opportunity to reschedule your training class. Be sure you can attend the training session before you sign-up. If you are unable to attend, call the Recruitment Office and we will cancel your enrollment in the class.

### **Training Locations for the Primary Election**

**Board of Elections:** 18753 N. Frederick Ave. Suite 105 Gaithersburg, MD 20879 Nancy Dacek Recreation Center: 13850 Travilah Road, Rockville, MD 20850 Fleet Management Service: 16700 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville, MD 20855 Silver Spring Civic Center: One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910

**Wheaton Community Recreation Center:**11701 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902 **Good Hope Community Recreation Center:** 14715 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, MD 2090

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#### **Election Day Assignments**

To be eligible to serve you must complete all required training. If you would like the opportunity to serve in a polling place close to your home, you are encouraged to complete your training a soon as possible. Assignments will be available in your EJ Connection account on April 23, 2024.

*Early Voting Assignments* To be eligible to serve during Early Voting (EV) at one of the 14 Early Voting Sites you must complete all required training. Additional training may be required to participate. Assignments will be available in your EJ Connection account on April 11, 2024. If you would like more information please complete the Early Voting Interest Form Early Voting Interest Form

**New for 2024!** New Election Worker service stipend rates will begin with the 2024 Election Cycle. Most full-day positions for example, Voter Operations worker (VOP) can earn \$250 (previously \$180) for their service and \$50 (previously \$30) for training.

*Incentive Pay for Returning Workers!* Returning Election Workers who previously served at a polling place during Early Voting or Election Day may be eligible to earn \$100 extra for each full day of service and \$50 extra for each part day of service during Early Voting and/or Election Day in the 2024 election cycle. For more information on position requirements, duties, and service hours, please visit Position Descriptions and Payments

**Back for 2024!** The Pick-A-Pal Promotion is back! The Pick-A-Pal Promotion is a chance for you and your "Pal" to win a fantastic prize for your service in a polling place during the 2024 Presidential Primary Election. The winners will each receive a gift card for two to the movies, and a photo opportunity with the Director of the Board of Elections, the Training Manager, and the Recruitment team. Official Pick-A-Pal promotion rules will be located in your In-Person training class. Good Luck!

**Election Service Payment** The service stipends are paid by check and mailed 6 weeks after the election to the address of record. If you wish to receive the service stipend, you are required to provide your full social security number. You may provide that information securely in your EJ Connection account. If you wish to opt out of receiving the service stipend, you do not need to provide your social security number and must select "decline payment". High School Students may receive SSL credits in lieu of the service stipend.



*Create a Voting Plan* Election Workers are encouraged to vote either by mail-in ballot or durning Early Voting when you are not serving. If you are assigned to your home precinct, and you wish to vote at the polling place, you may do so on your assigned break. If you are not assigned to work in your home precinct and you choose to vote at that polling place, you must vote a provisional ballot.

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February 2024: Election Worker Kickoff

February 19, 2024: In-Person Training Begins

April 11, 2024: Early Voting Assignments available

**April 23, 2024:** Voter Registration Deadline

April 23, 2024: Election Day Assignments available

May 1, 2024: Early Voting Center Set-up Meetings-6:30am-8:30pm

May 2, 2024: Early Voting Begins

May 9, 2024: Early Voting Ends

May 11, 2024: Chief Election Worker Briefings (virtual)

May 11, 2024: Chief Supply Bag Pick-Up- 7:00am -2:00pm

May 13, 2024: Election Day Precinct Set-up Meetings- 6:30pm-8:30pm

May 14, 2024: Presidential Primary Election Day

July 2024: Pick-A-Pal Drawing



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Montgomery County Elections (@777vote) • Instagram photos and videos

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#### **Recruitment Office**

The Recruitment Team is available Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Recruitment Team will assist you through the application, training, and service assignment process. Please contact the Recruitment Office with any questions.

#### **Recruitment Staff**

Recruitment and Election Support Manager - Christine Rzeszut 240-777-8527 Election Worker Recruitment Coordinator - Aishah Mills-Pherigo 240-777-8577

#### **Election Day Recruiters**

- Yvonne-Crystel Monterrosa (Districts 1,2,5, 8, and 12) 240-777-8657
- Bertha Miranda (Districts 3,6,7,10 and 11) 240-777-8656
- Carly Colbert (Districts 4 and 9) 240-777-8572
- Deborah Hamer (District 13) 240-777-8571

#### **Early Voting Recruiters**

- Aishah Mills-Pherigo (EV Sites 5, and 10) 240-777-8577
- Paul Dever (EV Sites 1, 4, 12, and 9) 240-777-8573
- Anita Bangali (EV Sites 2, 6,14, and 11) 240-777-8676
- Vacant (EV Sites 3,7, 8, and 13) 240-777-8559

## **Contacting Us**

• General Questions: Call 240-777-8533

• **Email**: <u>election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov</u>

• Website: <u>www.777vote.org</u>

Mailing Address for Office:

Montgomery County Board of Elections Attention: Recruitment 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210 Gaithersburg, MD 20879

We look forward to working with you!