#### Dates to Remember 2019 - 2020

Application Renewal Begins January 3, 2020

Election Worker
Training Classes
Begin
January 25, 2020

Deadline to
Register/Change
Party Affiliation
Change
April 7, 2020

Election Worker
Training Classes
End
April 11, 2020

Primary Early
Voting
April 16 – 23, 2020

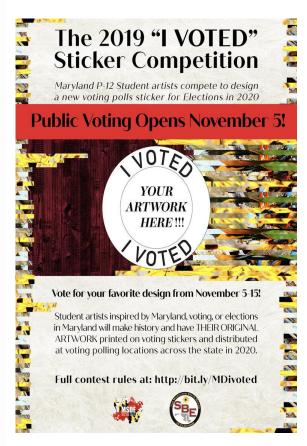
Primary
Election Day
April 28, 2020

General Election
Day
November 3, 2020

### "I Voted" Sticker Contest"

The Maryland State Board of Elections in partnership with the Fine Arts Office of the Maryland State Department of Education presents the "I Voted" Sticker-State Elections Student Art Competition for Maryland student artists in Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Student artists inspired by Maryland, voting, or elections in Maryland will make history and have THEIR ORIGINAL ARTWORK printed on voting stickers and distributed at voting polling locations all across the state beginning in 2020.



The winning designers will receive a \$100 gift card for new arts supplies. Their art teacher will receive \$500 to purchase art supplies or equipment for their designated school or community art program.

Over 650 students submitted artwork for the competition from across the State. A panel of guest artists representing every Maryland region judged the artwork on creativity, technique, craftsmanship, and concept. The top 3 entries in each school division category (elementary, middle, and high) is what you will be choosing. The artwork with the most votes in each school division category will be declared the winner.

We're excited to announce that public voting is now open for the "I Voted" sticker contest. **To cast your vote, click <u>here</u>**. Cast your ballot soon as voting will close on Friday, November 15th. The winner will be announced in the coming weeks.



Do More Than Vote,

#### **Preparing for the April 28, 2020 Primary Election**

#### Official launch of 2020 recruitment campaign - January 3, 2020

Under Maryland law a new application is required for each election cycle. On January 3, 2020 we will contact you by email to ask you to renew your application, confirm your availability and update your contact information.

Updating your information now if you have changes to your name, address or party will expedite the process for you in January.

To update your information NOW, follow these steps:

- 1. Use this link to the Maryland's Online Voter Registration System (OLVR) to update your voter registration record then,
- 2. Log into the EJ Connection to update your election worker record. Click on button "Click here if your Personal Information has changed".

#### **NEW!** Permission Slip Requirement

Election workers under 18 years old must submit a Permission Slip signed by their parent or guardian to serve. The form is available using this link <u>Permission Slip</u>, on our website, and on the EJ Dashboard. The signed permission slip must be received in the office prior to the applicant scheduling training. Submit the form by mail, fax or email (scan and attach to email).

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#### **How to Renew your Application for 2020**

Though you are already listed in our system, you need to verify your information and electronically confirm your data for 2020. Starting January 3, 2020 follow the instructions below. (Note: Firefox is not compatible with our online program, please use a different browser.) *Application renewals cannot be done prior to January* 3, 2020.

- Go to the Montgomery County, Board of Elections website <u>www.777vote.org</u> and click on *Election Workers*. Next click on *EJ Connection* (Election judges with Username and Password) to open the log-in page.
- 2. Enter your <u>Username</u> and <u>Password</u> (previously provided by BOE) to open the Election Worker Dashboard. To avoid login errors do not copy and paste; type in the log-in information. Call 240-777-8533 if you do not remember your login information, need help logging in or completing the application.
- 3. Click on *Application Renewal* in the **ACTION** box to open the application screen. Verify or enter the required information in each section. Click NEXT to navigate to the next page. Review the summary of your information and if everything is correct click NEXT to continue. Click 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 click on the circle to confirm your agreement. Click on **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 step is to complete your training.

Note: If you make changes to your name, address or party affiliation (which affect your voter registration) you will be asked to print, sign and submit an update form. Click on the *Confirmation Form* button to open and print the pre-filled 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.

#### **Training**

Training consists of two stages – the Stage I online training quiz and Stage II inperson, hands-on training. Completion of training is required by law to serve as an election worker.

#### Stage I - Online Training Quiz

The online training includes reading portions of the Election Judge manual (available online January 3, 2020), looking at training videos and taking a quiz. The training is designed to complement the hands-on training and to enhance your preparation for Election Day. Once you have passed the training quiz, you will receive instructions to schedule your hands-on training.

#### Stage II - Hands-On Training

#### **Scheduling**

You will use our online scheduling feature to select a class that best matches your schedule. Classes will be held at our Gaithersburg office and at various other locations in the county.

#### **Class Format**

Students will receive instruction on the procedures and responsibilities of the precinct team and their specific position. Students will work individually and in pairs to complete practice exercises and forms, role play with the voting equipment and simulate setting up and breaking down a voting precinct.

We strongly encourage you to review each chapter of the Election Judge Manual online, prior to attending class. **New chapters will be posted by January 3, 2020.** 

#### **Election Day Assignments**

Remember that you must <u>complete</u> all required training to be eligible to serve. To ensure that we have enough workers assigned to every precinct, we ask that you complete your training as soon as possible; <u>especially if you would like to work in your own voting precinct</u>.

Each precinct has a limited number of positions. Workers who wait to complete their training will be assigned to precincts closest to their homes, that have vacancies or asked to serve as a Standby Worker. You will get an email when you have been assigned. Be sure to review and confirm all assignments online.

#### **Working Early Voting**

If you are interested in working at one of the eleven Early Voting centers complete your election day hands-on training as soon as possible. Once you have completed your election day training you will receive additional information about early voting training and service.

#### **Your Vote**

<u>All</u> election workers are asked to vote either by absentee ballot or during the early voting period. Chief and full day Voting Operation judges who are **not** assigned to work in their voting precinct <u>must</u> vote by absentee ballot or during early voting (or cast a provisional ballot in their work precinct), since they will be unable to go to their voting precinct on Election Day.

**Absentee Ballot** – Complete, sign and submit an absentee ballot application as soon as possible. Forms will be available at training. The Absentee office will process your application and send you a ballot. Your ballot may be returned to the office, mailed with a postmark by the Postal Service by Election Day or turned in at the polls, <u>if</u> you are working in your voting precinct. Accepting absentee ballots at the voting precincts is new for 2020.

#### **Important Information**

**Keeping us informed** – Please keep your voter registration and contact information current. Update your personal information online in the EJ Connection portal. Click on the "Click here if your Personal Information has changed" button to enter your information. Phone numbers and email addresses will <u>only</u> be released to the Chief Judges for election related use.

**Future Vote Student Aides -** School-age students, grades 6-12, can serve as student election aides or Future Vote Ambassadors. Students 16 years old can register to vote and serve as an election worker for payment or SSL credits. The program's intent is to increase the general public's civic participation and knowledge of the political process. For more information visit our website. Future Vote recruitment for the 2020 Presidential Elections will start this Fall. Email

**<u>future.vote@montgomerycountymd.gov</u>** to be placed on the pre-registration list.

**Bilingual election workers are needed** - As mandated by 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 you speak fluently, on your application.

#### Are you interested in a leadership role as a Roamer or Chief Judge?



We're recruiting for Roamers and Chief Judges for the Primary Election. Prior experience as a Chief is **required** to apply to be a Roamer and prior experience as a VOP Judge is **recommended** to be a Chief Judge. If you have good organizational and communication skills and an interest in either of these positions, please notify your recruiter before attending training.

#### **2020 High School Recruitment**

Starting in December, we will visit area high schools during lunch to recruit election workers. Encourage your children and their classmates to get involved. Students must be 16 years old and registered to vote to serve.



Date	High School
December 10, 11 & 12	Walt Whitman HS
December 10, 11 & 12	Sherwood HS
December 17, 18 & 19	Northwoods HS (Cafeteria)
December 17, 18 & 19	Watkins Mill HS (Cafeteria)
December 17, 18 & 19	Bethesda Chevy-Chase HS (Main Lobby)
January 7, 8 & 9	Rockville HS
January 7, 8 & 9	Walter Johnson HS (Hallway near Main Office)
January 7, 8 & 9	Gaithersburg HS (cafeteria)
January 14, 15 & 16	Richard Montgomery HS (Main Street near Media Center)
January 14, 15 & 16	Wheaton HS (cafeteria)
January 14, 15 & 16	Seneca Valley HS
January 21, 22 & 23	Quince Orchard HS (Foyer outside Main Office)
January 21, 22 & 23	Montgomery Blair HS
January 21, 22 & 23	Northwest HS (Hallway near Guidance office)
January 28, 29 & 30	James Hubert Blake HS (Hallway outside cafeteria)
January 28, 29 & 30	Springbrook HS (Hallway outside cafeteria)
January 28, 29 & 30	Albert Einstein HS
February 2, 3 & 4	Churchill HS (Cafeteria hallway)
February 2, 3 & 4	Magruder HS (Hallway outside cafeteria)
February 2, 3 & 4	John F. Kennedy HS (Cafeteria hallway)
February 11, 12 & 13	Wootton HS (cafeteria)
February 11, 12 & 13	Paint Branch HS (Main hallway near Main Office)
February 11, 12 & 13	Clarksburg HS

#### **Contacting Us**

• General Questions: Call 240-777-8533

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

• Fax: 240-777-8578; Website: <a href="https://www.777vote.org">www.777vote.org</a>.

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