

[FAQ] Becoming a Poll Worker

When are poll workers needed?

During early voting, June 18 to June 26, and Primary Election Day, June 28.

During early voting, October 29 to November 6, and General Election Day, November 8.

Who is eligible to be a poll worker?

Poll workers must be New York State registered voters.

- Students 17 years old are eligible if their school participates in a qualifying program.
- Interpreters do not need to be registered voters.
- All poll workers are paid for training and each day they work.

People living in New York City can get an application by visiting [vote.nyc](https://vote.nyc.gov)

People living outside of New York City can get an application by visiting elections.ny.gov

What do poll workers do?

1. Prepare the polling place for voting
2. Set up the voting equipment
3. Sign-in and process voters
4. Enforce social distancing
5. Demonstrate voting procedures to the voters
6. Sanitize voting equipment
7. Close the polling place
8. Canvass and report the results
9. Assist voter if requested

Are poll workers paid?

Yes, poll workers get paid for training and each as they work.

How can someone become a poll worker?

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Sources: [New York State](https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2020) and [New York City Board of Elections](https://elections.ny.gov)