



Bureau of Elections
COUNTY OF ARMSTRONG

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

The Armstrong County Board of Elections has initiated a Student Poll Worker Program, to provide students throughout the county with an opportunity to participate in the democratic process at its most fundamental level, the polling place. State law allows high school students age 17 years or older on or before Election Day, with good academic standing and who are a citizen of the U.S. to serve as poll workers. These students work alongside their adult Election Officer counterparts on an equal footing, putting in the same hours, receiving the same stipend, attending the same training, and performing the same functions.

All students participating in the program are **required** to attend one training class prior to Election Day. Eight training classes are held prior to every election over a 3-day period at different times at the Belmont Complex Banquet Room to try and accommodate everyone's schedules. Students will serve with 3 or 4 other members of the local election board. It is preferable that the student work at the polling place for the entire day (6:00 am until approximately 9:00 pm after the polls close). For those who can't work the entire day, there are morning and afternoon half day options. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to training and to their assigned polling place.

Armstrong County needs approximately 340 poll workers for every election, and there are some areas of the County that have a greater need for poll workers than others. As a result, the number of students placed and the location of the placements is dependent on the needs of the surrounding community. We will do our best to keep the students within their respective municipality and/or school district. Students who work for the entire day will be paid the same as their adult counterparts - \$90-\$105 depending on the number of votes cast at the precinct they work. Those working a half day shift will be paid \$45-\$52.50 depending on the number of votes cast at the precinct.

In order to be considered for this program, students must meet the requirements, complete the attached application form, and obtain a signature from one of their teachers, the Principal of their high school and their parent/legal guardian's consent. Once completed, the application must be returned to the School Coordinator for transmittal to the Bureau of Elections by the deadline. Should you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Bellas, Director of Elections at 724.548.3222 or jbellas@co.armstrong.pa.us.

Sincerely,

ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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