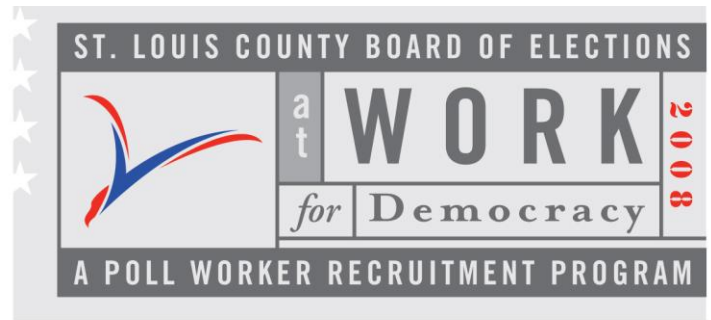


Frequently Asked Questions



What are the requirements for being a poll worker?

You must be a registered voter in Missouri, and be willing to declare a political party preference (Republican or Democrat).

What are the expectations for poll workers on Election Day?

The duties of a poll worker include opening the polls on time, processing voters, issuing ballots, and helping to resolve issues that may occur.

How will I know what to do?

The St. Louis County Board of Elections has developed a comprehensive poll worker training program that covers all the information necessary for you to perform your assigned duties. To be a poll worker, you will be required to attend a training is held at our Maplewood training facility, located at 12 Sunnen Drive.

When is my training?

Training classes begin two months before a countywide election, including evenings and weekends. You will receive a notice by mail of which training session to attend.

When will I know my poll assignment?

Poll assignments are made one month before the election. You'll receive an informational packet in the mail that contains details about your poll assignment and responsibilities.

What should I wear?

Business casual is the preferred attire; however, we suggest you dress comfortably. **At Work For Democracy** volunteers may also choose to wear logo shirts to recognize the corporation, organization, or group they are representing. Please be advised that you cannot wear anything political. This includes party emblems or buttons, candidate stickers, etc.

Will I get any breaks?

Breaks are taken based on the workflow. In high turnout elections, such as a presidential election, break opportunities may be more limited. Please bring your own lunch and snacks.

What should I do during possible slow times?

You may feel free to bring reading material for times when there is a lull in activity. Even during a slow time, you must remain at the polling location, because there are minimum legal requirements for staffing your poll.

How much will I be paid?

Poll worker pay starts at \$130.00. You will be paid approximately 3 - 4 weeks after your service.

If I'm not assigned to my polling place, how do I vote on Election Day?

You may vote an absentee ballot prior to the election. You can find information about absentee voting on the St. Louis County Web site at: www.stlouisco.com/elections/ABSENTEEFAQ.html

How do I sign up to be a poll worker in St. Louis County?

You can either call the St. Louis County Board of Elections at 314-615-1804, or you can submit your interest form online by visiting www.stlouisco.com/elections/judges.html

Can I work a partial shift?

There are some special circumstances that will allow some individuals to work half-shifts. There are a total of 500 split-shifts available. Poll workers will be permitted to split a shift with a partner as long as the poll worker remains until his or her replacement arrives and both partners are from the same political party, to ensure the proper balance of Democrats and Republicans at each polling location.