

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

To serve as a student election clerk, you must:

- Fill out the Student Election Clerk Application and Permission Slip
- Have your parent or guardian sign the Parent/Legal Guardian Permission portion.
- Have your school principal sign the School Principal Authorization portion.
 - Also, take the proper steps to ensure that your absence from school will be excused.
- Contact the San Patricio County Elections Office to submit the form and gather more information.
- If selected, attend the required election training class prior serving as a clerk.
 - This training provides all the necessary information and knowledge to be a successful elections clerk.

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STUDENT CLERK INFORMATION



WHAT ARE STUDENT CLERKS?

Student election clerks are high school students who participate in the electoral process by serving as election workers during Early Voting and/or on Election Day.

DO I QUALIFY?

- ☒ Will you be at least 16 years old on Election Day?
- ☒ Are you enrolled in a public, private, or qualified home school?
- ☒ Are you a U.S. Citizen?
- ☒ Do you have consent from your parent or legal guardian to work the election?
- ☒ Do you have consent of your principal (parent/legal guardian if home-schooled)?

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Some of the benefits of serving as an election clerk:

- Election workers are paid hourly for their service.
- Experience as an election clerk is an impressive addition to a resumé or college application.
- Students can take part in a rewarding activity while learning about the democratic process.
- Students may earn community service hours for school. (if allowed by the school district).

WHAT DOES AN ELECTION CLERK DO?

- Checking in and processing voters.
- Providing instructions and assistance to voters.
- Answering voters' questions.
- Explaining the use of the voting equipment.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How often can I serve as a clerk?

- A school district may excuse a student for the purpose of serving as an Early Voting and/or Election Day clerk for a maximum of two days in a school year.

Can I still work as a student election clerk once I turn 18?

- A student who is 18 years of age but is not yet registered to vote is still eligible to serve as a student election clerk.
- However, we encourage all individuals who are eligible to register to vote to do so, at which point they would be eligible to serve as a regular election day judge or clerk rather than as a student election clerk.

How will the school know the student actually worked on Election Day?

- Each student worker may receive documentation showing that the student served as an election worker and the hours worked.
- The student should ensure that the school is given the proper documentation in order to have an excused absence.