



ELECTION JUDGE INTEREST FORM

OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE

About Election Judges

Election judges (poll workers) are paid officials who staff local polling places, carry out election procedures, and make sure that the rights of voters are protected. During a general election, there are more than 30,000 election judges who staff more than 4,100 precincts.

Serving as an election judge is a chance to learn about elections, and is a great service to the community.

Requirements, Wages and Time Off From Work

- You must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and be able to read, write and speak English.
- You must complete an election judge training course (at least two hours).
- Election judges can choose to volunteer or be paid. Wages vary by city.
- Employers are [required to give employees time off to work](#) as an election judge.

Student Election Judge Trainees

Junior and senior high school students can work as election judge trainees. The student must meet the following requirements:

- Ages 16 or 17.
- U.S. citizen in good academic standing at a Minnesota high school (or home schooled).
- Obtain school and parental permission.
- Serve in the county where they reside.
- Trainees are paid at least two-thirds of the minimum wage.

Like other judges, they do not have to serve the entire day; they cannot work past 10 p.m. Trainees are assigned the same duties as other judges, with the exception of tasks requiring party affiliation. Trainees do not designate party affiliation. Trainees must attend and complete the same training as other judges.



Ely City Hall, 209 E Chapman St, Ely MN 55731

To: Election Judges

Please indicate below which training you will be taking for the upcoming election season.

Please return this notice to City Hall, 209 E Chapman St., Ely MN 55731 or Email Casey back with your selection(s).

NAME: _____

_____ Online Election Judge Training

Please include the email you would like the training link sent to.

Email

When you complete the online training you will need to print/save a copy of the certificate and send it to me.

_____ In person training Time and Date to be Determined

Thanks for being an Election Judge!



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If you are interested in being an Election Judge - Please indicate the election(s) and shifts you would like to work as an Election Judge for the Primary (August 11, 2026) and General (November 3, 2026) Elections.

Please return this notice to City Hall, 209 E Chapman St., Ely MN 55731 or email your preference to Casey – deputyclerk@ely.mn.us

NAME: _____

_____ Primary Election – August 11, 2026 - Morning Shift (6:00am – 2pm)

_____ Primary Election – August 11, 2026 - Afternoon Shift (1:45pm – Close)

_____ Primary Election – August 11, 2026 - Either shift works

_____ Absentee Ballot Board for Primary (will meet at least once every 3-5 days during the AB Period from June 26th – August 10th, we will set up a schedule once we have the board in place)

_____ General Election – November 3, 2026 - Morning Shift (6:00am – 2pm)

_____ General Election - November 3, 2026 - Afternoon Shift (1:45pm – Close)

_____ General Election – November 3, 2026 - Either shift works

_____ Absentee Ballot Board for General (will meet at least once every 3-5 days during the AB period from September 18th – November 3rd we will set up a schedule once we have the board in place)

If you don't know your schedule yet for the Primary or General Election, just make a note of that on this sheet and I can contact you once it gets closer.

If your schedule changes before Election Day, please let me know.

Thanks for your interest being an Election Judge!!

Casey Velcheff - Deputy Clerk