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### **State Board of Elections celebrates the vital work of poll workers on National Poll Worker Recruitment Day**

**ALBANY, N.Y. (08/12/2025)** Today, the New York State Board of Elections joins its fellow election officials across the country in celebrating National Poll Worker Recruitment Day. National Poll Worker Recruitment Day was established in 2020 by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to raise awareness about the important work that poll workers do to ensure that elections run smoothly and securely, as well as to encourage more Americans to serve their communities in this role.

In New York State, poll workers prepare the polling place for voting, set up voting equipment, check in and process voters, demonstrate voting procedures, and assist voters if they are requested to do so. After voting ends, poll workers close down the polling place and report election results. Poll workers get paid for training sessions and on each day they work.

“As we prepare for the November election, we are calling on New Yorkers – young and old, experienced or first-timers – to step up and play a direct role in protecting the democratic process,” stated Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “Serving as a poll worker is a powerful way to learn how our democracy works first-hand. Whether you’re a student, a retiree, or someone simply looking to make a difference, your community benefits from your service while you get a front-row seat to the democratic process.”

“The State Board of Elections is grateful to all New Yorkers who serve as poll workers, as they ensure our elections remain fair, accurate, and accessible,” said Raymond J. Riley III, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “Every poll worker is a frontline guardian of election integrity. Well-trained poll workers are essential to keeping our voting process safe and trustworthy.”

To be eligible to work as a poll worker, a New Yorker must be a registered voter in the state. Some 17-year-olds are eligible to serve as poll workers if their school district participates in a program under Education Law Section 3207-a. Individuals wishing to work as interpreters at the polls do not need to be registered voters.

Poll workers are assigned to work within the county in which they live. For residents of New York City, poll workers are assigned to sites within the five boroughs. The following links can be used to sign up to serve as a poll worker:

- **For residents of New York City:** complete the [NYC Election Day Worker Form](#)
- **For all other New York State residents:** complete the [Outside NYC Election Day Worker Form](#)

The 2025 General Election is November 4, 2025. Early Voting will occur from October 25, 2025, through November 2, 2025. For information about registering to vote, requesting a ballot, or finding your polling place, voters should visit the New York State Board of Elections website at <https://elections.ny.gov/>.

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