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New York State Board of Elections Celebrates National Poll Worker Recruitment Day on August 11th

ALBANY, N.Y. (08/11/2026) – The New York State Board of Elections is proud to recognize **National Poll Worker Recruitment Day** today on **Tuesday, August 11, 2026**, joining election officials across the country in encouraging New Yorkers to serve their communities by becoming poll workers.

Poll workers are the foundation of every successful election. They help ensure polling places operate efficiently, assist voters throughout the day, and uphold the integrity of New York's elections. As preparations continue for the 2026 General Election, the Board is encouraging eligible residents from every community to consider serving as poll workers.

"Our elections depend on dedicated individuals who are willing to step forward and serve their communities," stated Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. "Recruiting a diverse and well-prepared poll worker workforce helps ensure polling places remain accessible, efficient, and responsive to the needs of voters across New York State."

"Poll workers are essential to the success and security of every election," added Raymond J. Riley III, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. "By serving as a poll worker, New Yorkers play a direct role in protecting the voting process and helping their neighbors participate in our democracy."

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 and encourage more Americans to serve their communities in this vital role.

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 receive training, are compensated for their service, and gain firsthand experience in the administration of elections.

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 2026 General Election is November 3, 2026. Early Voting will occur from October 24, 2026, through November 1, 2026. 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/>.

If you have any questions regarding this press release, please contact Kathleen McGrath or Jennifer Wilson at the New York State Board of Elections at (518) 474-1953 or by email at INFO@elections.ny.gov.