

What is a Poll Worker?

Poll Workers are the backbone of our election system. Being a Poll Worker is an enjoyable and rewarding way to take an active part in our free democratic process and earn money at the same time. This trusted position is ideal for anyone who would like to get a first-hand look at how our system works and provides citizens their opportunity to vote. Many poll workers serve year after year for the experience of being an integral part of the election process.

On Election Day, Poll Workers welcome all voters, facilitate voting, conduct precinct operations in accordance with election laws and follow defined procedures. We encourage you to become Poll Worker in Athens-Clarke County!

Qualifications

1. United States citizen.
2. Resident of Athens-Clarke County.
3. Age 16 years or older.
4. Able to read, write and speak the English language.
5. Not a convicted felon or rights restored
6. Not run for or hold a public office while serving as a Poll Worker.
7. If you are a parent, spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law of the candidate you are not eligible to serve as a Poll Worker in a precinct where a candidate is on the ballot.
8. Preferably a registered voter, if 18 years or older.

Poll Worker Positions & Duties

Poll Coordinator - Supervises polling place operations, assigns tasks to assistant managers and clerks, attends training, picks up supplies, sets up and takes down polling place, delivers all supplies to Elections Office on Election night.

Assistant Poll Coordinator - Attends training, assists manager with duties, may accompany manager on Election night.

Poll Clerk - Attends training and assists manager with duties.

How to Apply for a Poll Worker Position

To become a Poll Worker, you must complete a "Poll Worker Application" when the positions are posted on our county website. For more information, please call (706-613-3150)

ATTENTION:

High School & College Students

It is a great opportunity to get an inside look at American democracy in action and earn money or community service hours at the same time. Georgia law allows high school students 16 years of age or older to work as an election official. You must be a United States citizen and a student in good standing with your school. If you are interested in working at the polls on Election Day, contact your school principal or the Athens-Clarke County Elections Office (706) 613-3150.

More About Poll Workers...

- Poll Workers are helpful and courteous at all times.
- New applications may be assigned as stand-by poll workers. Stand-bys could be called upon to work at any time prior to Election Day and sometimes on election morning. Therefore, it is important that every stand-by be prepared for a last minute call.
- Poll Workers are paid only if they work an election. Pay Rate is \$10-\$12/hr. Prior to an election, Poll Workers and stand-bys must attend training as required by Georgia Law (O.C.G.A. 21-2-99b). Poll Workers are given certificates for training.
- On Election Day, you must report to your assigned polling location no later than 6am. The polls close at 7pm. Evening Facility workers are not released until all election tasks are completed, and the Manager authorizes the dismissal.
- Proper attire (business casual) is required. Poll Workers shall not wear any jewelry, buttons, pins, etc, that suggest political party affiliation or promote a candidate or any issue on the ballot.
- Poll Workers shall not make any partisan statements or remarks while working at the polls or engage in conversation involving the personal business of the voter to other Poll Workers.
- Everyone who works a full day should come prepared to spend a full day, bringing any necessities needed such as medicine. Lunch is not provided by the Poll Manager. No Poll Worker may leave the polling place during their shift; all Poll Workers should consider Absentee Voting or Advance/Early Voting.

Become a Poll Worker

Athens-Clarke County needs Poll Workers in order to continue providing the more than 79,000 registered voters the opportunity to vote at neighborhood precincts throughout the county.



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