Precinct Worker

Add your name to the list of people to work Election Day. Every year Election Services of Macon County is in need of people to man the election voting locations. These are the people who ask voters for their name and address, operate the election voting machines and help voters to cast their vote.

Each voting location is staffed with a Chief Judge, two Party Judges and a number of Assistants. The Chief Judge is of the same political party as the governor whenever possible. There is one Judge and an equal number of Assistants from each political party. All Judges are responsible for conducting the election.

Chief Judge

The Chief Judge is the head official and is in charge of contacting the voting location and the other officials to make arrangements for each election. The Chief Judge is responsible for handling election day activities, assigning duties, and solving problems. The Chief Judge is also responsible for calling the other officials to confirm that each one will report on Election Day, and is to notify the Director of any absences on Election Day. This individual is also responsible for picking up election day supplies prior to each election and for returning all supplies after the polls close.

Judges

The Judges work closely with the Chief Judge. They must study and be knowledgeable of all election laws, procedures and materials. They must sign all official documents and serve on a panel to resolve any challenges.

Assistant

The Assistants serve when needed and at the direction of the Chief Judge. Instruction and training will be provided for each election.

Be a Precinct Worker

Add your name to the list of people to work Election Day.

Qualifications:

- Must be a registered voter in Macon County
- Of good reputation
- Able to read and write
- Friendly, professional, interested in the political process
- Must be affiliated with the Democratic or Republican Party

No Person Shall Serve Who:

- holds any office in any state congressional district, county or precinct political party or political organization who is a manager or treasurer for any candidate or political party
- who is a candidate for nomination or election
- who is a near relative to another worker in the same precinct or a candidate for nomination or election
Special Information:

- Elections are always held on Tuesday
- All polls are open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.
- All workers must be in the voting location at 6:00 a.m. and remain there until all votes have been counted and documents signed – usually 8:30 p.m.
- All Precincts are non-smoking facilities.

Compensation For Officials

- Chief Judge
  - $200.00 Base Pay
  - $20.00 mandatory training
- Political Party Judge
  - $185.00 Base Pay
  - $20.00 mandatory training
- Precinct Assistant
  - $115.00 each election
  - $20.00 optional training
  - offered usually for federal elections

All training is given before each Election and cannot be carried over from Election to Election.

JOIN THE ELECTION TEAM

Complete the information below and mail to the Macon County Board of Elections at 5 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734.
QUALIFICATIONS

• Must be a registered voter
• Must be a resident of the county in which the precinct is located
• Must not be an elected government official or a manager or treasurer for any candidate or political party
• Must not be a candidate in the election

HOW APPOINTED

Precinct officials can be recommended by the political parties and are appointed by the county board of elections for a two-year term beginning in August of odd-numbered years.

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

The CHIEF JUDGE is the head official and is in charge of election day activities, as well as picking up and returning election day supplies.

The JUDGES work closely with the Chief Judge and are responsible for conducting the election in the Chief Judge’s absence. They must sign all official documents and serve on a panel to resolve any challenges.

The ASSISTANTS serve when needed and at the discretion and direction of the Chief Judge.

TRAINING

All officials are required to attend training sessions conducted by the county board of election prior to each major primary and general election.

COMPENSATION

Precinct officials are compensated for their time spent in training and for election day.

ELECTION DAY CHECKLIST

• Wear comfortable clothing and dress in layers for optimum comfort to account for varying temperatures
• Leave your campaign buttons and political jewelry at home
• Discussion of politics is not permitted while working at the polls
• Arrange for enough food and drinks for the entire day
• Smoking is not permitted in the polling place

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information on becoming a precinct election official, contact your county board of elections or your political party.

County Board of Elections Information Here
I am applying for the position of:
☐ Any Position
☐ Chief Judge
☐ Judge
☐ Assistant
☐ One-Stop Worker
☐ Volunteer

Date of Birth

Voter Registration Number (if known)

Gender
☐ M ☐ F

Party Affiliation
☐ Democrat
☐ Republican
☐ Unaffiliated
☐ Not Registered

Home Address

Home Phone Number

Work Phone Number

Cell Phone Number

E-mail

Nickname (name you go by)

Please check the appropriate box:

I will be able to attend 2-hour training sessions on 2 different days before elections: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I have my own transportation to and from a polling place on Election Day: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am able to lift 30 lbs: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am able to work from 6:00 a.m. to at least 8:00 p.m. on Election Day: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I understand I may be required to assist other poll workers in my precinct on the eve of the election: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am currently a registered voter in ________________ County: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am currently over the age of 18: (if not, see Student Election Assistant Brochure) ☐ Yes ☐ No

NOTICE TO APPLICANT—PLEASE READ BEFORE YOU SIGN BELOW:

Persons appointed to these positions must be registered voters and residents of the county in which the precinct is located, of good repute, and able to read and write. Not more than one judge in each precinct shall belong to the same political party as the chief judge. No person shall be eligible who holds any elective office under the government of the United States or of the State of North Carolina or any political subdivision thereof. No person shall be eligible to serve as a precinct official who is a candidate for nomination or election. No person shall be eligible to serve as a precinct official who holds any office in a state, congressional district, county, or precinct political party or political organization, or who is a manager or treasurer for any candidate or political party, provided however that the position of delegate to a political party convention shall not be considered an office for the purpose of this subsection. The following categories of relatives are prohibited from serving as precinct officials of the same precinct: spouse, child, spouse of a child, sister or brother. No precinct official who is the wife, husband, mother, father, son, daughter, brother or sister of any candidate for nomination or election may serve as precinct official during any primary or election in which such candidate participates. The Board of Elections may remove you as a precinct election official for misbehavior or neglect of duty.

Applicant’s Signature: __________________________________________ Date: ____________