



Are You Interested In Becoming an Election Judge?

Election judges are needed to help administer elections. Many election judges are needed to make sure this process goes smoothly. Election judges are appointed by their city or township.

Election judges open and close the polls on election day. They help voters who need assistance, ensure only qualified voters are permitted to vote and certify precinct election results. Sometimes election judges are hired to process absentee ballots with the Absentee Ballot Board.

Election judges are paid for their work. The pay rate is set by cities and townships.

Election judge requirements

To be an election judge, you must be:

- At least 18 years of age
- A Minnesota resident for at least 20 days
- A citizen of the United States (Identification may be required.)
- Able to read, write, and speak the English language
- Eligible to vote in Minnesota
- Appointed by the municipal clerk
- Able to attend biennial training sessions

You cannot be:

- Related to another election judge in the same precinct
- A candidate's spouse, parent, child, brother or sister
- A candidate for the election in which you are serving

Employer requirements

Employers are required to give you time off from work to serve as an election judge during state elections (even years). A 20-day written notice must be provided to your employer.

For more information, see [Minnesota Statutes 204B.195](#).