

Sign up to be an Election Judge today!

What are Election Judges?

Election judges are temporary, paid employees of local election officials trained to handle all aspects of voting at the polling place. Serving as an election judge is a chance to learn about elections, and is a great service to the community.



What days and hours do election judges work?

Election judges work at either or both the primary election and general election. They begin work at 6:00 am and work until the polls are closed and the results tallied, usually about 15 hours. Some precincts have enough judges so that “split shifts” are possible.

What do election judges get paid?

You can choose to volunteer or be paid. The 2024 Rate of pay will be \$12.00 per hour. State law allows an individual to take time off from work without loss of wages to serve as an election judge. All election workers must be paid via direct deposit and complete all required payroll documentation.

What would I do as an election judge?

- Open and close the polls
- Set up voting equipment
- Register and sign in voters
- Distribute ballots
- Help voters requiring assistance
- Maintain order in the polling place
- Obtain results after the polls are closed

Is training provided?

Yes. Judges are required to attend a paid training class every year they work. Classes are roughly two hours long and are conducted in person; on-line classes are also scheduled for those who cannot take the training in person.

Am I eligible to serve?

You must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and able to read, write and speak English. There are restrictions on having relatives serve together as election judges. Relatives cannot serve together in the same precinct at the same time. In addition, relatives of a candidate, and anyone who temporarily or permanently lives in the same house as a candidate, cannot serve in the precinct where the candidate is on the ballot. Candidates cannot serve in a precinct where they are on the ballot.

**RETURN THE APPLICATION TO:
City Clerk's Office
500 4th Ave NE, Austin, MN
(507) 437-9940**

City of Austin
Election Judge Application



Please provide the following information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home Phone No. _____

Work/Cell No. _____

Email Address: _____

Circle Party Affiliation: DFL Republican Legal Marijuana Now No Affiliation

Do you have a spouse, parent (including a stepparent), child (including a stepchild), sibling (including a stepsibling), that has signed up to be an election judge for the upcoming election? No Yes

If you answered yes, please provide name:

I am interested in working at the following location(s) (check all that apply):

- Austin City Hall - Ward 1, Precinct 1
- Austin High School Hastings Gym – Ward 1, Precinct 2
- Southgate School – Ward 2, Precinct 1
- Banfield School – Ward 2, Precinct 2
- Senior Center – Ward 3, Precinct 1
- Ellis Middle School – Ward 3, Precinct 2

I am interested in being a head election judge:

Yes, please contact me with more information

No, thank you

Please circle yes or no:

Are you available to work the August 13th primary? Y or N

Full Election Day? Y or N

Are you available to work the November 5th Presidential General? Y or N

Full Election Day? Y or N

Additional Comments (if any):

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for your interest in serving your community as an election judge for the City of Austin!