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## **State and Local Boards of Elections ask New Yorkers to Sign Up to Become Poll Workers during National Poll Worker Recruitment Day**

ALBANY, N.Y (08/23/2023) – The United States Election Assistance Commission has proclaimed August 23rd as National Poll Worker Recruitment Day and the New York State Board of Elections is asking all registered voters to pitch in and Help New York Vote in the 2024 elections.

“Poll workers provide a critical service by ensuring elections are open and accessible to all voters. In 2024, New York will require poll workers for three elections – the Presidential Primary, Federal and State Primary, and General Election,” said Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “Presidential Elections see the highest turn out with 8 million New Yorkers casting a ballot in 2020. Now more than ever, we need volunteers to support democracy by signing up to serve as poll workers in the upcoming election year.”

Poll workers prepare the polling place for voting, set up voting equipment, sign-in and process voters, demonstrate voting procedures, assist voters, close the polling place, and canvass and report election results. Poll Workers get paid for training and each election day they work.

“Traditionally, older New Yorkers have taken on the task of serving as poll workers for our elections. In New York State, 55 percent of all poll workers are over the age of 60,” said Raymond J. Riley III, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “On National Poll Worker Recruitment Day, we are encouraging voters of all ages to step up and volunteer to serve as a poll worker in the 2024 elections.”

To be eligible, you must be a New York State registered voter. If you are 17 years old, you may be eligible if your school district participates in a program under Education Law Section 3207-a. Interpreters do not need to be registered voters. You will be assigned within the county where you live. If you live in New York City, you will be assigned within the five boroughs.

To apply, voters may fill out an online form found on the Board of Elections’ website.

If you live outside New York City, fill out the form found here: [www.elections.ny.gov/BecomePollworker.html](http://www.elections.ny.gov/BecomePollworker.html)

If you live in New York City, please fill out the form found here: <https://nyc.electiondayworker.com>

If you have any questions, please contact your local board of elections or Kathleen McGrath or Jennifer Wilson at the State Board of Elections at 518-474-1953 or by email at [INFO@elections.ny.gov](mailto:INFO@elections.ny.gov).

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