

Dear Student,

Since we instituted this program in 2000 High School Seniors from 8 different schools have served as election judges in Champaign County. Their performance was exemplary and their service to the community was greatly appreciated. I am pleased to offer this opportunity again for the 2008 elections and to extend this opportunity to High School Juniors as well.

I look forward to having students participate in the February 5, 2008 General Primary Election. It is a great educational experience, which will teach you about the democratic process and spark your interest in participating in the future.

In addition, by participating you will provide a great service to Champaign County. In order to conduct an election we require approximately 600 election judges throughout the county. Due to the time commitment that is involved, it is not a service everyone is able to perform.

I look forward to your participation in this exciting program.

Sincerely,

Mark Shelden

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Champaign County Clerk

What are the requirements to be a student election judge?

- ★ Be a High School Junior or Senior with a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- ★ Be a U.S. Citizen at the time of the election;
- ★ Complete successfully an election judge training session;
- ★ Be able to work from 5:00 am until all duties are completed to close the polling place after the election.

Benefits Students Receive

- ★ Hands on experience in how elections are conducted;
- ★ Training on how to open a polling place, process voters, and close the polls;
- ★ Inspiration to register and vote themselves when they reach 18 years of age;
- ★ A lifelong appreciation for the democratic process.

VOTE

Your Right, Your Responsibility

Champaign County Student Election Judge Program

NEW:

**Program now open to
Juniors**

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What are the duties of a Champaign County Student Election Judge?

An Election Judge is responsible for the conduct of the election in the precinct to which he or she is assigned. Each precinct is usually assigned 5 judges.

The judges are responsible for setting up the election equipment in the morning, conducting a fair and impartial election, and tallying and reporting the results at the end of the day.

Compensation

Trained Election Judges receive \$110.00 for the day. Checks are mailed to your home within a few weeks after the election.

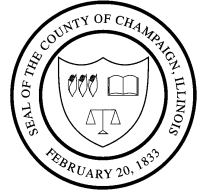
How do I apply?

Students who wish to apply must be sponsored by their High School and obtain the permission of their parents or guardians and principal. The form at the right must be completed and returned to the County Clerk's Office with the appropriate signatures no later than January 11, 2008. Students must then attend a training school. **After submitting your application, call our office at 384-3724 to reserve a space for the class.**

If students are 18 years old or will be by February 5th they should register to vote. Voter registration is available in our office Monday through Friday 8am-4:30pm, at public libraries throughout the county, and at our voter registration kiosks located at the IGA at Round Barn Center and on campus at the Illini Union and the Undergraduate Library. Deputy Registrars are also available in some of the high schools in Champaign County to register students.

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STUDENT ELECTION JUDGE APPLICATION/NOMINATION FORM

High School Name: _____

Student Information

Name: _____ Telephone number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Cell Phone number: _____

Birth Date: _____ Social Security Number _____

Check one: I want to serve as a Democratic Judge
 I want to serve as a Republican Judge

I will meet the following requirements to be eligible to participate in this program:

► **U.S. Citizen at the time of the election.**

► **A high school junior or senior in good standing with a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.**

► **Must attend an election judge training class.**

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Principal: _____ Date: _____

