



# County of Santa Cruz

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## COUNTY CLERK / ELECTIONS

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GAIL L. PELLERIN, COUNTY CLERK

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in working at the polls for the upcoming election on March 3 and/or November 3, 2020.

All students who are placed on a board are required to attend a two-hour training session prior to Election Day. Training sessions are conveniently located throughout Santa Cruz County, both during the week and on weekends. Students will serve with 4 to 5 other members of our community on a precinct board. Poll Worker participation is an exciting all day event. Students are expected to be present at the polling place from 6:00 a.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m., receiving both a lunch and dinner break. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from training and the polling place on Election Day. For the convenience of both students and parents, students are assigned to a precinct in close proximity to their home or school.

In addition to gaining an invaluable learning experience about the democratic process, students are paid \$110 for serving on Election Day and an additional \$20 for attending a training class. Payment is mailed approximately 3 weeks following the election.

Rewards of being a Student Pollworker include:

- Hands-on introduction to the democratic process
- Students can earn community service hours
- Students are more likely to become lifelong voters
- Students earn \$130
- Looks great on college/scholarship applications and resumes
- Students gain satisfaction from helping out their community

In order to be assigned on Election Day, students must complete the attached form, obtain parent and teacher signatures, and return it to the County Clerk/Elections department as soon as possible. If for some reason you are unable to participate after you have been placed on a board, please call our office immediately. If you have any questions or concerns about the Student Pollworker Program, please call me at 831-454-2416, or email me at [pollworkers@votescount.com](mailto:pollworkers@votescount.com). We look forward to your participation!

If you have any friends that you think would be interested in serving, please pass my information on to them. The applications can also be obtained online at [votescount.com](http://votescount.com).

Sincerely,

Lynn Stipes  
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