

What are you doing Election Day?

If your answer to that question is “not much,” the James City County Electoral Board has something to occupy your time. If you have an interest in politics, you may work at the polls.

What will I do?

That depends on the type of worker you are:

Election Page

If you aren't eligible to register to vote, or can only work part of a day, then the Election Page position is right for you. You will need the permission of a parent or legal guardian, and a recommendation by a government teacher or advisor.

Election Pages . . .

- △ May work a shift
 - 5:00 AM to 1:00PM
 - 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM;
- △ Assist Officers of Election with setting up the voting precinct and assisting elderly or disabled voters. They may not handle or touch ballots, voting machines, or any other official election materials, or enter any voting booth while a voter is present.
- △ Attend one 2-3 hour training class at the County Office Complex or JCC/Williamsburg Community Center.
- △ Subscribe to the Election Page Oath, which will be administered by the Chief Election officer;
- △ Do not represent a political party. This doesn't mean you aren't allowed to have political beliefs (you should), but as a page, you are impartial in carrying out your duties;
- △ Do not receive monetary compensation for their service, but may receive extra credit or community service.

Officer of Election

If you are registered to vote you have the option of serving as an Officer of Election. There is more responsibility, but also more prestige. An Officer of Election is . . .

- △ Work from 5:00AM to at least 9:00PM, or whenever the work at the voting precinct is finished;
- △ Responsible for the conduct of the election, including checking names and IDs, operating voting machines and processing results;
- △ Attend one 2-3 hour training class at the County Office Complex or JCC/Williamsburg Community Center.
- △ Subscribe to the Constitutional Oath prior to Election day;
- △ Subscribe to the Officer of Election Oath, which will be administered by the Chief Officer of Election before the voting precinct opens;
- △ May select to represent the Democratic or Republican party, or serve as an Independent.
- △ Paid for attending training and for his/her services on Election Day.

What's the Catch?

Ok, like most things in life, there are some rules/requirements for working in an election. All workers will serve under the direct supervision of the Chief Officer of Election in their voting precinct. This person is responsible for the conduct of the election, so please give him/her some respect.

All workers must agree to:

- △ Be strictly impartial at all times, not discussing politics, candidates or issues;
- △ Arrive on time and not leave the voting precinct during their shift;

- △ Use appropriate language and behavior at all times;
- △ Work for, not visit with, their friends and neighbors;
- △ Not use cellular phones, pagers, or any other electronic communications devices in the voting precinct, unless instructed to do so.

Why should I sacrifice my time?

Check with your teachers and advisers. You may be eligible to receive extra credit or community service hours for your participation.

How do I sign up?

Election Page: Submit the completed form (on the back of this brochure) to the James City County Voter Registration and Elections Office and schedule your training session.

Officer of Election: Call (757) 253-6868 for information.

SIGN UP EARLY

POSITIONS ARE LIMITED

General Registrar
PO Box 3567
Williamsburg, VA 23187-3567
Phone: 757-253-6868
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James City County Election Page Enrollment Form

The Student remains under the auspices of the Parent (or Legal Guardian) and Teacher. Transportation and welfare of the Student are the sole responsibility of the Parent (or Legal Guardian) and Teacher who herewith acknowledge responsibility and grant permission for the Student to participate in the program.

Student Information

Name (print): _____ Phone: _____
Street Address: _____
City/Zip: _____
School: _____
Hours Working: _____

Parent (or Legal Guardian)

Name (print): _____ Phone: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher

Name (print): _____ Phone: _____
Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Acknowledgement

I understand and agree to abide by the guidelines of this program and to follow directions provided by the Officers of Election, Members of the Electoral Board, General Registrar and Assistant Registrars.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Office Use Only

Precinct Assigned: _____ Chief Notified: _____
Class Scheduled: _____ Student Letter Sent: _____