The "Day Off for Democracy"

Volunteer Campaign is a new recruitment to find qualified election workers to work the 2019 Shawnee County elections. The plan is to recruit workers from diverse areas of the Topeka community. Corporate employees could be "loaned" as volunteers on election days as part of the "Day Off for Democracy" campaign. Worker recruitment is non-partisan. All approved volunteers will be required to attend a 3 hour training and will be paid minimum wage.

Worker volunteers must be at least 16 years old and an American Citizen. An oath or affirmation of office is required.

An interested volunteer: must complete and return an application to the Shawnee County Election Office, 3420 SW Van Buren Street, Topeka, Kansas 66611. Polling location assignments will be made by the election office until all positions are filled.

Worker Hours and Compensation: Full time positions are paid $110 for the entire day, or find a friend and split the hours on election day. Positions are paid minimum wage ($7.25 per hour) for the hours worked. Hours: Election Day, All Day 6:00am to approximately 8:00pm. Ending times may vary.

Training: Training is mandatory for all workers. There is new equipment which means an easier day for voters. Classes are held at various Monday through Saturday 3 weeks prior to election day. Board school schedules will be mailed with appointment letters. If you cannot make it to the class shown on the schedule, you must substitute to another class. Training is paid at minimum wage and usually lasts three hours.

Election Day: Cell phones are permitted. Keep personal calls to a minimum. Remember to bring any food, drinks or snacks and wear comfortable clothing.

Polling Places: Some of these buildings provide amenities such as kitchens and snack machines. No smoking is allowed at any voting place. Please keep in mind, it may be necessary to place workers outside of the precinct where they live.

ADA: Voting places have an accessible entrance to voters with disabilities and meet ADA guidelines for board workers as well. If you have a need for any special accommodations, please let us know and we will find a location that is accessible for you.

Voting: Please remember when you work election day you will need to vote in advance or request a ballot by mail. We look forward to receiving your application to work as a volunteer in our "Day Off for Democracy" campaign!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is "Day Off for Democracy"?
A: It is a campaign to recruit qualified election workers for Shawnee County elections and to focus on a company/corporation to provide a "day off" for designated employees to work on election days. Corporate employees could be "loaned" as a volunteer to work on election days. This is a special call for qualified volunteers to work the election.

Q: When are the election dates?

Q: How do I sign up?
A: An interested worker needs to complete an application and return to the Shawnee County Election Office, 3420 SW Van Buren Street, Topeka, Kansas, 66611. If you are qualified, you will be contacted about a position and location that would work for you. Call the office to request one or an application can be found at: http://www.snco.us/election/work.asp

Q: Will I get paid to work?
A: Yes, you will get paid a minimum wage rate of $7.25 per hour. Full time positions are paid $110 for the entire day, or find a friend and split the hours on election day. Workers are paid minimum wage for hours worked. There will be new equipment which means an easier day for voters.

Q: What are election Hours?
A: Election Day Hours: Full Time 6:00am to approximately 8:00pm. Part Time either 6:00am to 1:00pm or 1:00pm-8:00pm.

Q: Will I need to attend a training or orientation?
A: Yes, this training/orientation is mandatory for every worker. Classes are usually held at 9:00am or 1:30pm Monday through Thursday the week before the election. Board school schedules are mailed with the appointment letters. Training is paid at minimum wage and lasts three hours.

Q: How do I know if I am a qualified worker?
A: Board workers must be at least 16 years old and American Citizen. An oath or affirmation of office is required.

Q: What should I bring on Election Day?
A: You may bring a cell phone, any food, drinks or snacks and remember to wear comfortable clothing.

Q: Where will my polling place be located?
A: It may be necessary to place workers outside of the precinct where they live. You may need to vote at your approved location or the Election Office in advance. No smoking is allowed at any voting place.

Q: Do you have to be a registered voter to work as a volunteer?
A: Yes, a volunteer must be registered to vote. We want to ensure multi-party representation of workers so all parties are wanted and welcome.