



Dear Parents:

The Venango County Election Board has initiated the Student Poll Worker Program for this county. The Student Poll Worker Program provides students throughout the county with an opportunity to participate in the democratic process at its most fundamental level, the polling place. State law allows high school students age 17 years or older with a good academic standing, **2.5 GPA**, and are a citizen of the U.S. on or before Election Day, to serve as poll workers. These students work alongside their adult Election Officer counterparts on an equal footing, putting in the same hours, receiving the same stipend, attending the same training, and performing the same functions.

All students participating in the program are **required** to attend a 1.5 to 2 hour training session prior to Election Day at the County Court Annex Building. Students will serve with 3 or 4 other members of an election board. The student is expected to be at the polling place on Election Day at 6:00 am and may not be released until approximately 9:00 pm after the polls close. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to training and to their assigned polling place. While we cannot promise that your student will work within close proximity to their school or home, we will try to place your student as nearby as possible. Students are given a stipend the same as other poll workers, \$70.00 for Election Day and \$10.00 for attending a training session.* Or, the student will earn Community Service hours. Stipend checks are issued 2 weeks after the election.

In order for your student to be considered for this program, students must complete the attached nomination form, meet the requirements and deadline, and obtain signatures from one of their teachers, the Principal of their high school and their parent's consent.

If your student would like to be considered for the Student Poll Worker Program for the upcoming Election, the nomination form must be completed and returned to the School Coordinator for transmittal to the County Office. Our deadline for accepting Student Poll Worker Nomination Forms for the May 20, 2014, Primary Election is **April 7, 2014**.

Should you have any questions regarding participation in the Student Poll Worker Program, feel free to call (814)-432-9508

Sincerely,

VENANGO COUNTY ELECTION BOARD

Timothy S. Brooks, Chairman

Vincent L. Witherup

Bonnie S. Summers

*In order to receive the \$10.00 for attending the training session the student is required to work the election.