

# FAQ for Becoming a Precinct Election Official

## **What is a Precinct Election Official (PEO)?**

An individual that dedicates their time to giving back to the community by working the polls on Election Day. Every Election Day, nearly 1,000 citizens answer the call to staff our 163 precincts – and we want you to be one of them.

## **Why am I needed?**

Without our PEOs, we simply cannot hold elections. PEOs make sure that our elections are fair and impartial – and conducted according to Ohio law.

## **What does a PEO do?**

PEOs open and close the polling locations on Election Day and guide voters through the voting process. They verify that voters are in the proper location and are registered to vote. In addition, PEOs maintain order in the polling place and are responsible for making sure election materials are secure at all times.

## **Am I eligible?**

YES, if you...

- Are registered to vote in Lake County
- Attend a training class (3 hours)
- Are available on Election Day

## **Where am I going to work?**

PEOs must be qualified electors in Lake County. We will try to keep you as close to your home precinct as possible.

## **What are the hours on Election Day?**

PEOs are required to arrive at their polling locations at 5:30 AM on Election Day and serve until their duties are completed after the close of the polls. There are no split days. We encourage PEOs to bring a packed lunch and any necessary medications with them to the polling place, and to secure alternative care for their loved ones or pets.

## **How much will I be paid?**

All PEOs will receive \$60 for attending our training class. On Election Day, PEOs earn \$125. PEOs have the option of receiving payment by direct deposit or loaded debit card.



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