



# City of Burnsville

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## **ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED FOR MARCH 3 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

For most of the last century, Minnesotans have helped choose the state's preferred presidential candidate through precinct caucuses. Due to a change in state law, all Minnesota voting precincts will now hold a presidential primary election on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Only major party presidential candidates will be on the March ballot. All other offices that require a primary election will be on the August primary ballot.

### **Election Judges Needed**

Election judges (pollworkers) are essential to the voting process. Trained officials are needed to serve voters at polling locations, administer election procedures and ensure that voter rights are protected.

**To learn more or apply to be an election judge visit [www.burnsvillemn.gov/elections](http://www.burnsvillemn.gov/elections) (click "Election Judge" on left).**

*First consideration will be given to those who apply by Dec. 31, 2019.*

Election judges are paid between \$10 and \$12 per hour (including training) to perform duties such as:

- Managing a polling place (Co-Chair)
- Greeting voters, directing traffic and ensuring people are in the correct precinct
- Signing in registered and non-registered voters using PollPad electronic pollbooks
- Providing and explaining ballots
- Overseeing the ballot counter and handing out "I Voted" stickers
- Setting up and closing down polling places
- Certifying polling place results

Election judges are required to attend training, and must meet the following qualifications:

- Eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota
- Able to speak, read and write the English language
- Cannot be a spouse, parent, child or sibling of an Election Judge serving in same precinct
- Cannot be a candidate or the spouse, parent, child, sibling or live in the same household as any candidate on the ballot in the same precinct

By law, employers must provide paid time off to serve as an Election Judge when given at least 20 days written notice (some exceptions apply).

For more information visit [www.burnsvillemn.gov/elections](http://www.burnsvillemn.gov/elections) or contact the Burnsville City Clerk's office at 952-895-4490.

*(flyer below)*



# Serve Your City as an **ELECTION JUDGE**

## Why Serve?

Election Judges are essential to the voting process. Trained officials are needed to serve voters at polling locations, administer election procedures and ensure that voter rights are protected.

As an Election Judge, not only will you be serving your community and learning more about the election process – but you will also get paid!

**Election Judge Wages:** \$10/hour

**Co-Chair Wages:** \$12/hour



## What Will I Be Doing?

There are many duties that Election Judges may be assigned to, including:

- Managing a polling place (Co-Chair)
- Greeting voters, directing traffic and ensuring people are in the correct precinct
- Signing in registered and non-registered voters using PollPad electronic pollbooks
- Providing ballots to voters
- Explaining ballots
- Overseeing the ballot counter
- Handing out “I Voted” stickers
- Setting up and closing down polling places
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## What are the Requirements of an Election Judge?

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In addition, Election Judges must also:

- Have a strong understanding and commitment to nonpartisanship
- Communicate clearly with voters
- Enjoy assisting and serving diverse populations
- Be available to work long hours
- Handle stressful situations calmly and professionally
- Demonstrate attention to detail
- Work as a team member and follow directions
- Being fluent in a second language is helpful, but not required



## What About Work? Do I Get Time Off to Serve?

By law, your employer must give you paid time off to serve as an Election Judge. To qualify, you must give your employer at least 20 days written notice.

## I'm Sold! What Do I Do Now?

Those interested in serving as an Election Judge should visit [www.burnsvillemn.gov/elections](http://www.burnsvillemn.gov/elections) or contact the City Clerk's office at 952-895-4468.

If you are selected to serve, you will be notified of training dates and additional information prior to each Election.

**When:** Presidential Primary Election Day — Tuesday, March 3, 2020  
Primary Election Day — Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020  
General Election Day — Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020

**Where:** Our goal is to place you in or near the precinct where you live. However, based on coverage requirements, you may be placed elsewhere in the City.