

VERONA

Township of Verona, New Jersey



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Verona High School Students:

Part of the historic mission of public education has been to teach students the importance of their identity as citizens of the United States of America, including the rights and responsibilities that come with living in a democracy. Voting is both a fundamental right and a primary responsibility of citizenship, and is part of the system of checks and balances in our government that guarantee both our liberty and our security and more importantly, our citizenship. Unfortunately, voter turnout levels in the U.S. are continuing to decline, with young people the least likely to vote on Election Day.

A new law in New Jersey is designated to directly engage 16 & 17-year old high school students in the voting process in the very best way possible: by allowing them to serve as greeters in polling places on Election Day or be trained to serve as election board workers.

Election board workers are the citizens that administer the polling places on Election Day. For example, assisting voters at the sign-in table, taking the voting authority ticket before entering the poll to vote and assisting voters with any aspect of the voting process. A student serving at the polls becomes engaged in the election process while developing an understanding of the importance of participation in the political process. The law requires that permission be granted by the student's school, and by the student's parent or guardian (see attached form).

A 2-hour training session is mandatory for district poll workers, but student greeters need no training. All students are limited to hours of service in accordance with NJ Child Labor Laws. As such, when polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., as in the case in this November 8, 2016 General Election, the day will be split between two sessions. One from 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the second from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Under NJ law, each student who serves a half day will be paid \$100.00 (payable 30 days after election day). Transportation for students to and from the polls is the responsibility of the student/parent and cannot be provided by municipal or county elections offices.

We, as election officials are looking forward to students participating in the electoral process.

Please feel free to contact my office (973-239-3220) or the County Board of Elections (973-621-5070) with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Kiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional but personal style.

Jennifer Kiernan
Municipal Clerk

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Clerk of the Board

Application to Serve as a Board Worker for the Essex County Board of Elections As permitted by A-415 12/13/02

I, _____

Who resides at _____

In the municipality of _____ in the County of Essex, and who's

Social security number is _____ and

Date of birth is _____, state that the following is true:

"I am of good moral character and have not been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude; and that I possess the following qualifications: eyesight with or without correction, sufficient to read nonpareil type; ability to write legibly with reasonable facility; reasonable knowledge of the duties to be performed by the applicant as an election officer under the election laws of this State; and health sufficient to discharge his or her duties as an election officer."

If an applicant for appointment to a district board is 16 or 17 years of age then the applicant shall provide to the county board, along with this application a completed and signed "Permission to Serve" form. The form must be completed by the applicant's parent or guardian giving the applicant permission to serve as a member of a district board if appointed and if an election, meeting or training is scheduled to take place when school is in session, written permission from his/her school that acknowledges the applicant's application for appointment as a member of a district board and excuses the applicant from school on the dates of service if appointed, except if the applicant is a United States Citizen and resident of this State who is 16 or 17 years of age and has graduated from a secondary school or has passed a general educational development test (GED). In no case shall a person 16 or 17 year of age be permitted to serve as a member of a district board on the day of an election for more than the number of hours permitted for such a person to work pursuant to P.L. 1940, C.153 (C.34:2.21.1 et seq.) as amended and supplemented. NJ Law – Minors under 18 years of age may not work over 8 hours daily.

Date

Signature of Applicant

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**Permission to Serve as a Board Worker for the
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Student Information: Please print

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Information: Please print

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/ Guardian: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Date: _____

High School Information: Please print

Name of School: _____

Name of Representative: _____

Signature of Representative authorizing permission to work as a Board Worker and excusing him/her from school on the date of service.

Signature of Representative

Transportation (to and from polling location) to be provided by: Please print

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____