



# Essex County Board of Elections

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 Newark New Jersey 07102  
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## 2023 - Student Board Worker Appointment Application

You must live in Essex County. You must have your own transportation to and from the polls.

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	
Address	City	State	Zip
Home Telephone		Cell Number	

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parents Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Board Worker's Affirmation

**Please read the following statement carefully and indicate your understanding and acceptance by signing below:**

"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 18 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 18 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 18 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.34:2.21.3 et seq.) (R.S.19-6-2) as amended and supplemented.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

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*Clerk of the Board*

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*Deputy Clerk*

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. Unfortunately, the voter turnout levels in the United States are continuing to decline, with young people the least likely to show up at the polls on Election Day.

A new law in New Jersey is designated to directly engage 16-18 year old high school students in the voting process in the very best way possible: by allowing them to be trained and available to serve as election board (poll) workers.

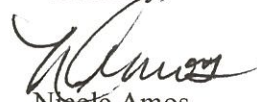
Election board workers are the citizens that administer the polling places on election day. For example, assisting voters at the sign-in table, in some districts – interpreting for Bi-lingual voters, and assisting voters with any aspect of the voting process. A student serving at the polls engages them in the election process, and allows young people to understand the importance of participation in the political process. The law requires that permission be granted by student's school, and by student's parent or guardian. (attached)

Prior to serving, a two hour training session will be conducted by the Essex County Board of Elections. The student must complete the training program before being eligible to serve on election day.

He/she may be assigned at the discretion of the County Board of Elections to assist at the polls in upcoming elections. Minors between 16-18 years of age may serve at an election between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on a day that the election is held. Transportation for students to and from the polls is the responsibility of the student/parent and cannot be provided by county election offices.

We, as election officials are looking forward to your students participating in the electoral process. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have at (973) 621-5679, [namos@clerk.essexcountynj.org](mailto:namos@clerk.essexcountynj.org) or the office at (973) 621-5070, [essexelections@clerk.essexcountynj.org](mailto:essexelections@clerk.essexcountynj.org)

Sincerely,



Nicole Amos  
Clerk of the Board

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

**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: \_\_\_\_\_