# **Election Worker News**

**Montgomery County Board of Elections** 

March 2024



The Montgomery County, MD Board of Elections, Election Worker Program has begun training and staffing to serve during the 2024 Presidential Primary Election. The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, and Early Voting will be held Thursday, May 2, 2024, through Thursday, May 9, 2024.

**Renew Your Application:** Under Maryland law, a new Election Worker application is required for each election cycle. To renew your application, you must first create an account in the **NEW EJ Connection portal** and link it to your existing record. Due to recent system enhancements, you must complete the following process to create your account.

When you are creating your EJ Connection Account you will use your email address and create your own password. When you are ready to link your account, you will need your previous login credentials that were provided via email on February 7, 2024. Please contact the Recruitment Office if you need the credentials.

### **EI Connection Sign Up Instructions**

- 1. Visit the Montgomery County Board of Elections website at <u>www.777vote.org</u> and select the **Election Workers** link.
- 2. Use the drop-down menu, select **EJ Connection** and the EJ Connection page is displayed
- 3. Select the EJ Connection link and the home page appears as shown below.
- 4. Select the Access EJ Connection button and the AccessMCG Sign In screen appears.

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|   | Sign In   |  |  |  |  |
| Γ | Sign.in     Register     Redeem.Invitation       External Sign.in |  |  |  |  |

5. Select the Sign up now link and the AccessMCG User Details Screen appears.

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| S                      | ign in          |
| Sign in with you       | r email address |
| Email Address          | ]               |
| Password               |                 |
| Forgot your password?  |                 |
| Sign in                |                 |
| Don't have an account? | Sign up now     |
|                        |                 |

6. Enter the email address to be used for the account and select the **Send Verification** button and the AccessMCG User Details screen is updated as shown below. A verification code is sent to the email address entered. The email is sent from **Microsoft on behalf of Montgomery County Government** 

| Em | ail Address is required.<br>Email Address |
|----|---|
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|    | Send verification code                    |
|    | New Password                              |
|    | Confirm New Password                      |
|    |   |
|    | First Name                                |

7. Retrieve the verification code from your email and enter the code in the Verification Code field.

| User Details  |   |
|---|---|
| Verification code has been sent to your inbox. Please copy it to the input box below. |   |
| boe.ev09@gmail.com  | * |
| Verification Code   | * |
| Verify code Send new code   |   |

8. Select the Verify Code button and if the code is verified, the AccessMCG User Details screen is updated and displays the message, "*Email address verified. You can now continue*"

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|  |                      |   |  |  |  |
|  | User Details         |   |  |  |  |
| E-mail address verified. You can now continue.                             |                      |   |  |  |  |
| scotlandamezion@outlook.com *  |                      |   |  |  |  |
|  | Change e-mail        |   |  |  |  |
| 9.   | New Password         | * |  |  |  |
| 10   | Confirm New Password | * |  |  |  |
| 1:   | L. First Name        |   |  |  |  |
| 1  | Last Name            |   |  |  |  |
|  | Create               |   |  |  |  |

- **9.** Enter a password in the New Password field.
- **10.** Re-enter the password in the Confirm New Password field.
- **11.** Enter your first and last name in the designated fields.
- **12.** Select the **Create** button and the Register your External Account screen appears as shown below

|                              |  | Sign in                  |  |
|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
|                              |  |                          | Register your external account   |
| The Email field is required. |  | The Email field is requi | red.   |
|                              |  | Email                    | Provide an email address to complete the external account registration.           Register |

**13.** Enter the email used to create the account in the Email field and select **Register** and the Profile page is displayed.

**14.** Enter your first name and last name only in the designated fields and select the **Update** button at the bottom of the page.

| Profile                        |   |   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
|                                | Please provide some information about your    | self  |
| Profile name                   |   | e will be displayed alongside any comments, forum posts, or |
|                                | The Email Address and Phone number will       | not be displayed on the site.                               |
| Profile                        | Your Organization and Title are optional. The | hey will be displayed with your comments and forum posts.   |
|                                | You   | ur Information  |
| Security                       |   |   |
| Manage External Authentication | First Name *                                  | Last Name *   |
|                                | E-mail  | Business Phone  |
|                                | jaebyrd05@hotmail.com                         | Provide a telephone number                                  |
|                                | Organization Name                             | Title   |
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**15.** Select the **Election Worker** button and the Election Worker Dashboard appears.

| Please choose your module  |   |  |  |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|
|                            | Election Worker   |  |  |
| Election Worker Dashboard  |   |  |  |
| Actions                    | Resources   |  |  |
| Add New Worker Application | Newaletters     Training Materials     Walk-in Training Schedule     Mage of the Training Locations     Urdate Contact Information     Contact Recruiters |  |  |

**16.** Select the **Link Existing Worker Application** button and the following screen appears. (next page)

|         | is page should only be used if you have previously served as an Election Worker. You will need to provide your Login ID and password provide<br>you and select "SUBMIT". If you do not have your previous Login ID and password, please contact Recruitment. |
|---------|--|
| Login   | D:   |
| Voter I | D:   |
|         | Submit   |

- **17.** Enter the Username provided via email in the **Login ID** field.
- 18. Enter the Password provided via email in the Voter Id field and select the Submit button. \*your Login Id and Voter Id are located in the "Kick-Off" email sent on February 7, 2024 The screen is updated as shown below and displays the identifying information of the existing application that will be linked.

| This page should only be used if you have previously served as an Election Worker. You will need to provide your Login ID and passwor<br>to you and select "SUBMIT". If you do not have your previous Login ID and password, please contact Recruitment. |                       |  |
|--|-----------------------|--|
| Login ID:  |                       |  |
| damods0502   |                       |  |
| Voter ID:  |                       |  |
|  |                       |  |
|  | Submit                |  |
| lere is your application from past. Click YES to pull your applicati   | on in this portal.    |  |
| First Name : BOE2  | Last Name : STAFF     |  |
| Date of Birth : 1981-05-02   | Gender : MALE         |  |
| Primary Email : boe.dts.test@gmail.com   | Login ID : DAMODS0502 |  |
|  | Yes No                |  |

**Note:** If the account to be linked is incorrect, select the **No** button and verify the information entered in the **Login ID** and **Voter ID** fields is correct, and re-enter the information.

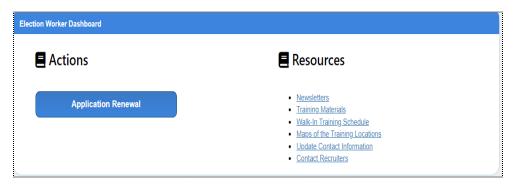
**19.** Select the **Yes** button.

Note: This process can take up to a minute to complete. **Do not close this window while your application is being processed.** 

The following confirmation message appears on the screen when the account is successfully linked.

| Information                                    | ×     |
|--|-------|
| Your application has been linked successfully. |       |
|  | Close |

**20.** Select the **Close** button and the Dashboard screen is displayed with an **Application Renewal** button.



- **21.** Select the **Application Renewal** button and the application is displayed. The application will be pre-populated with the data from the Election Worker database.
- 22. Review and/or update the data in the application.
- **23.** Read the Affirmation Statement and select the **Confirm** button.
- **24.** Submit the application and an email is forwarded with directions for the next step in the process. *Note: If the email entered in the application is not the same as the email used to access the EJ Connection portal, the email is sent to the email address entered on the application.*

Please contact the Recruiting Office if you need assistance.



# Did you know?

In 1845, Congress decided that voting day would be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, which was after the fall harvest and before winter conditions made travel too difficult.



### Election Training for the Primary Election

Election Worker training is required by law to participate. Training consists of two parts: an Online Training Quiz and an In-Person training session.

**Online Training Quiz**- The Online Quiz requires reading of chapters 1-4 of the Election Judge manual, watching two videos, and then completing a 50 question Quiz. The Quiz covers basic information about serving as an Election Worker. Once the Quiz is completed successfully with a passing score, a Recruiter will review the quiz results and email you information regarding your service position with instructions to schedule your In-Person Training. This may take 2-5 business days. Applicants for Election Workers positions have two attempts to pass the quiz. If the second attempt to pass the quiz is unsuccessful, you are not eligible to serve in the upcoming Primary election, while you are eligible to attempt again for the 2024 General Election.

**In-Person Training Class** - The In-Person Training class allows Election Workers to practice with actual election equipment. Workers will receive instruction on the procedures and responsibilities of the precinct team and their specific position. You will complete practice exercises and forms; role play with the voting equipment and simulate setting up and breaking down a polling place.

**Scheduling In-Person Training Class-** Most Election Worker positions, regardless of prior experience, require In-Person training. Once you have successfully completed the Online Quiz, your Recruiter will provide instructions via email on how to schedule your In-Person Training class. In-Person Training is based on the specific position for which you are selected to serve. You will use our online scheduling feature in EJ Connection to select a class that best matches your schedule. Training is available on weekdays, evenings, and weekends.

**Note:** You will only be allowed one opportunity to reschedule your training class. Be sure you can attend the training session before you sign-up. If you are unable to attend, call the Recruitment Office and we will cancel your enrollment in the class.

### Training Locations for the Primary Election

Board of Elections: 18753 N. Frederick Ave. Suite 105 (lower level) Gaithersburg, MD 20879
Nancy Dacek Recreation Center: 13850 Travilah Road, Rockville, MD 20850
Fleet Management Service: 16700 Crabbs Branch Way, Rockville, MD 20855
Silver Spring Civic Center: One Veterans Place, Silver Spring, MD 20910
Wheaton Community Recreation Center: 11701 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902
Good Hope Community Recreation Center: 14715 Good Hope Road, Silver Spring, MD 2090



#### **Election Day Assignments**

To be eligible to serve you must complete all required training. If you would like the opportunity to serve in a polling place close to your home, you are encouraged to complete your training a soon as possible. Assignments will be available in your EJ Connection account on April 23, 2024.

*Early Voting Assignments* To be eligible to serve during Early Voting (EV) at one of the 14 Early Voting Sites you must complete all required training. Some positions may require a second training to participate. Assignments will be available in your EJ Connection account on April 11, 2024. If you would like more information please complete the <u>Early Voting Interest Form</u>

*New for 2024!* New Election Worker service stipend rates will begin with the 2024 Election Cycle. Most full-day positions for example, Voter Operations worker (VOP) will earn a minimum \$250 (previously \$180) for a full-day of service and \$50 (previously \$30) for training.

**Bonus Pay for Returning Workers!** Returning Election Workers who previously served at a polling place during Early Voting or Election Day may be eligible to earn \$100 bonus each full day of service and \$50 bonus for each part day of service during Early Voting and/or Election Day in the 2024 election cycle. For more information on position requirements, duties, stipend and service hours, please visit <u>Position Descriptions and Payments</u>

*Election Service Payment* The service stipends are paid by check and mailed 6 weeks after the election to the address of record. If you wish to receive the service stipend, you are required to provide your full social security number. You may provide that information securely in your EJ Connection account. If you wish to opt out of receiving the service stipend, you do not need to provide your social security number and must select "decline payment". High School Students may receive SSL credits in lieu of the service stipend.



*Create a Voting Plan* Election Workers are encouraged to vote either by mail-in or during Early Voting when they are not serving. If you are assigned to your home precinct, and you wish to vote at the polling place, you may do so on your assigned break. If you are not assigned to work in your home precinct and you choose to vote at that polling place, you must vote a provisional ballot on Election Day.

*High School Election Workers* **SAVE THE DATES!** We plan to hold In-Person Training classes specifically for high school students during Spring Break on March 25, 26, and 27 at our Rockville and Silver Spring training locations. To attend one of these sessions you must first create your EJ Connection account, complete the Online Training Quiz, and return your <u>Parental Permission Slip</u> to the recruitment office.

Pick-A-Pal Promotion- Enter to win a Prize!!!!



The Pick-A-Pal Promotion is a chance for you and your "Pal" to win a fantastic prize for your service in a polling place during the 2024 Presidential Primary Election. The winners will each receive a gift card for two to the movies, and a photo opportunity with the Board of Elections Recruitment team.

## **Official Promotion Rules:**

- 1. To be eligible to win, both "Pals" listed on the entry ticket **must** serve at a polling place for the Presidential Primary Election on May 14, 2024, or at an Early Voting center during Early Voting May 2, 2024, through May 9, 2024. The "Pal" who is referred must be new to the Election Worker Program and has never served as an Election Worker. Both "Pals" must be in good standing with the Election Worker Program.
- 2. Entry tickets are available at your in-person training class. Complete an entry ticket with your name and the name, phone number, and email of a "Pal" you would like to refer to the Election Worker Program. Place the entry ticket into the "Pick-A-Pal Promotion Box" located in your training class. There is no limit to the number of "Pals" you may submit.
- 3. This promotion will be held from February 20, 2024, until in-person training classes end for the Primary Election.
- 4. The winners will be selected by drawing of the eligible tickets and announced after the Primary Election in July 2024.

Thank you for going the extra mile for the Election Worker Program!! Please contact the Election Worker Program Recruitment office at 240-777-8533 for questions.

## Enter to Win!!

## Election Worker News Montgomery County Board of Elections March 2024 Future Vote



The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking school-age students to participate in its Future Vote Initiative. The Future Vote Program is available to all Montgomery County students grade 6-12\*. This initiative combines civic participation and the opportunity to observe democracy in action. Volunteers will earn Student Service Learning (SSL) hours for their service. Training is required for both a student and a guardian.

Interested guardians may pre-register their child(ren) at <u>Montgomery County Board of Elections</u> <u>FUTURE VOTE PREREGISTRATION (google.com)</u>.

For additional information: <u>Montgomery County Board of Elections: Future Vote FAQs</u> (montgomerycountymd.gov)

\*High school students, age 16 or older, are encouraged to serve as Election Workers. Individuals must be U.S. citizens and registered to vote in Maryland to apply. Students can earn a minimum \$250 or 25 Student-Service-Learning (SSL) hours per a full day of service. For additional information: <u>High School Poll Workers - Montgomery County MD</u>







| February 7, 2024:  | Election Worker Kickoff                           |
|--------------------|---|
| February 19, 2024: | In-Person Training Begins                         |
| April 11, 2024:    | Early Voting Assignments available                |
| April 23, 2024:    | Voter Registration Deadline                       |
| April 23, 2024:    | Election Day Assignments available                |
| May 1, 2024:       | Early Voting Center Set-up Meetings-6:30am-8:30pm |
| May 2, 2024:       | Early Voting Begins                               |
| May 9, 2024:       | Early Voting Ends                                 |
| May 11, 2024:      | Chief Election Worker Briefings (virtual)         |
| May 11, 2024:      | Chief Supply Bag Pick-Up- 7:00am -2:00pm          |
| May 13, 2024:      | Election Day Precinct Set-up Meetings- 6:30pm     |
| May 14, 2024:      | Presidential Primary Election Day                 |
| June 25, 2024:     | Service Stipend Checks Mailed                     |
| July 2024:         | Pick-A-Pal Drawing                                |



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Meet the 2024 Recruitment Team

#### **Recruitment Office**

The Recruitment Team is available Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Recruitment Team will assist you through the application, training, and service assignment process. Please contact the Recruitment Office with any questions.

#### **Recruitment Staff**

Recruitment and Election Support Manager - Christine Rzeszut 240-777-8527 Election Worker Recruitment Coordinator - Aishah Mills-Pherigo 240-777-8577

**Election Day Recruiters** 

- Yvonne-Crystel Monterrosa (Districts 1,2,5, 8, and 12) 240-777-8657
- Bertha Miranda (Districts 3,6,7,10 and 11) 240-777-8656
- Carly Colbert (Districts 4 and 9) 240-777-8572
- Deborah Hamer (District 13) 240-777-8571

### Early Voting Recruiters

- Aishah Mills-Pherigo (EV Sites 5, and 10) 240-777-8577
- Paul Dever (EV Sites 1, 4, 12, and 9) 240-777-8573
- Anita Bangali (EV Sites 2, 6,14, and 11) 240-777-8676
- Bryan Geyer (EV Sites 3,7, 8, and 13) 240-777-8659

### **Contacting Us**

- General Questions: Call 240-777-8533
- Email: <u>election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov</u>
- Website: <u>www.777vote.org</u>
- Mailing Address for Office:

Montgomery County Board of Elections Attention: Recruitment 18753 N. Frederick Avenue, Suite 210 Gaithersburg, MD 20879

### We look forward to working with you!