



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS LAUNCHES RECRUITMENT FOR ITS AWARD-WINNING “FUTURE VOTE” PROGRAM FOR 2022 GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION**

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is seeking school-age students, grades 6-12, to participate in its “Future Vote” Program. Interested students can choose to serve as Election Day Ambassadors or Election Poll Workers during early voting (Thursday, October 27 through Thursday, November 3, 2022) and/or on General Election Day to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

#### **Election Day Ambassadors:**

The Future Vote Program is available to all Montgomery County students grade 6-12. U.S. citizenship is not a pre-requisite, but students must be able to speak, read, and write the English language. Students with bilingual and American Sign Language skills are encouraged to apply. 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 student and guardian. Details and volunteer expectations provided at training.

Interested guardians may register their child(ren) by October 18, 2022. To apply online, or for more information, visit [777vote.org](http://777vote.org) and select the Future Vote tab.

#### **Election Poll Workers:**

Students 16 years old or older are eligible to register to vote and serve as election poll workers. Each minor must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Maryland State Board of Elections, that they meet all qualifications for registration in the State. Depending on the number of days served, volunteers may choose to earn up to 65 Student Service Learning (SSL) hours or up to \$630 stipend.

Due to the diversity within the county, voters who speak Amharic, Chinese, Farsi, French, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese, and other languages are needed. Voters who are fluent in both English and Spanish are especially needed in each polling place to meet the requirements of Section 203 of the 1975 Voting Rights Act which stipulates that bilingual Spanish speaker be available at the polling places.

To serve in this volunteer position all election poll workers must be U.S. citizens, registered to vote in the State of Maryland, able to speak, read, and write the English language, and cannot hold, or be a candidate for, public or party office. In addition, election workers may not serve as a campaign manager for a candidate or as treasurer for any campaign finance entity.

Training is required and will be provided to all election poll workers. This includes an online quiz, and in-person classroom training. Volunteers will be paid for completing training and working during Early Voting and/or Election Day. We offer several different positions, all-day and part day. Information available at [777vote.org](http://777vote.org), then select Election Workers tab, then Position Description/Payment tab.

Interested guardians may register their child(ren) by October 18, 2022. To apply, text SERVE to 77788 or online at [777vote.org](http://777vote.org) and select Election Workers tab, then Getting Started tab. For high school poll worker information, visit [777vote.org](http://777vote.org) and select the Election Workers' tab, then High School Poll Worker tab, or email [election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:election.judge@montgomerycountymd.gov).

For election related information, call the 240-777-8500, visit [www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org), the Maryland State Board of Elections' website at <https://elections.maryland.gov>, or follow the Montgomery County Board of Elections on Facebook or Twitter.

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