Monroe County Election Fellows Program

F.A.Q – College Poll Workers (Election Inspectors)

Q. What are the roles for the college poll workers (election inspectors)?

A. College poll workers, also known as Election Inspectors are required to work a full 16 hour day on Election Day. Four Election Inspectors will be assigned to each election district. Two inspectors represent the Democratic Party and two represent the Republican Party. The college poll workers will be required to attend Election Inspector trainings that will be given at their respective colleges prior to Election Day.

Q. What is an Election Inspector?

A. They are voters who are appointed by their political party to serve a 1-year term and they work on Election Day.

Q. What are an Election Inspector’s Responsibilities?

A. They are responsible for making sure that the voters are processed in a fair and efficient manner and according to Election Law.

Q. Are Election Inspectors Volunteers?

A. No, the county pays them.

Q. Can anyone be an Election Inspector? What are the qualifications?

A. Any registered voter who is enrolled in the Democratic or Republican Party can be an Election Inspector. They are also required to speak, read and write the English Language.

Q. Does it require a lot of training to be an Election Inspector?

A. A flexible training schedule is held throughout the County from August to November. Classes last about 2 hours long. If Election Inspectors work on General Election Day they are paid for attending training.

Q. What Days and Hours do Election Inspectors work?

A. All Election Inspectors work on General Election Day in November from 5:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. They also sometimes work for a Primary or a Special Election usually 11:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Q. Election Day is a long day, what if I can't work the whole day?

A. Election Inspectors are informed well in advance about the full day requirement and so any Election Inspectors through the Monroe County Election Fellow program will be required to work the entire day.
Q. Will I be working with experienced Election Inspectors?

A. Yes, there are four (4) inspectors working at each voting site. 3,200 Election Inspectors serve at almost 800 districts in Monroe County. About 75% return faithfully year after year. So the majority are trained and experienced.

Q. Do Election Inspectors get time off during the day?

A. Yes, Election Inspectors should take time off during the day to eat a meal and to vote. They may leave their site with at least one of each party remaining.