



What is a Precinct Election Official (PEO)?

An individual can dedicate their time to giving back to the community by working the polls on Election Day. Every Election Day, nearly 600 citizens answer the call to staff our 129 precincts - and we want you to be one of them!

Why am I needed?

Without our PEOs, we simply cannot hold elections. PEOs make sure that our elections are fair and impartial - and conducted according to Ohio law.

What does a PEO do?

PEOs open and close the polling locations on Election Day and guide voters through the voting process. They verify that voters are in the proper location and are registered to vote. In addition, PEOs maintain order in the polling place and are responsible for making sure election materials are secure at all times.

Am I eligible?

YES, if you...

- are registered to vote in Portage County
- read and speak English clearly
(though secondary languages are a plus)
- attend a training class (3 hours)
- are available on Election Day
(with availability for future elections)

How do I sign up?

To fill out an application online visit:

<https://www.portagecounty-oh.gov/board-elections/pages/precinct-election-officials-pollworkers>

To request an application to be mailed, call the Board of Elections at (330) 297-3514 or (330) 297-3515, or email portage@ohiosos.gov

Where am I going to work?

PEOs must be qualified electors in Portage County. We make every effort to place our PEOs where they prefer, but need sometimes requires us to move PEOs elsewhere in the county. We will try to keep you as close to your preferred precinct as possible.

What are the hours on Election Day?

PEOs are required to arrive at their polling locations at 5:45 AM on Election Day and serve until their duties are completed after the close of the polls at 7:30 PM, with an hour break for lunch. There are no split days. We encourage PEOs to bring a packed lunch and any necessary medications with them to the polling place, and to secure alternative care for their loved ones or pets.

How much will I be paid?

All PEOs and alternates will receive \$20 for attending our training class. On Election Day, PEOs earn \$130, and Voting Location Managers/Return Officials earn \$135. Checks for the entire amount are mailed from the Auditor's Office approximately three weeks after the election. Taxes will not be deducted and no W-2 will be issued.

