



## Poll Workers Needed in November 2020

*Poll Workers Are the Real **Heroes** of Elections!*

Every year elections in Georgia are made possible because thousands of ordinary people step up to the extraordinary call of serving as a poll worker. It is estimated that over 5 million Georgians will vote at approximately 2,600 polling places in the November General Election. Having enough poll workers is key to ensuring everyone who is eligible to vote has the opportunity to exercise that right on Election Day. With record-breaking turnout expected and continued challenges related to COVID-19, the need for Georgians to step up and serve as a poll worker is greater now than ever before.

### We Need Heroes to Rise Up

Since the average age of Georgia's poll workers is in the high-risk age group for COVID-19, poll worker recruitment has become increasingly difficult for many counties. This November, poll workers will play a critical role in both protecting the security of the vote and the safety of the voters.

### Not All Heroes Wear Capes

Poll workers make sure the polling place is ready for voters by 7:00 A.M. on Election Day and serve until the poll close and the paperwork is completed after 7:00 P.M. Poll workers greet voters and ensure those who are 75 or older, or have documented disabilities, are able to skip the line and vote at the next available booth. In 2020, poll workers play a critical role in marking lines for social distancing, sanitizing equipment, and making sure voters have a positive experience and short lines. For more information about becoming a poll worker, please visit [securevotega.com/poll-worker-faq/](https://securevotega.com/poll-worker-faq/).

### How to Become a Paid Poll Worker

To serve as a poll worker, you must be 16 years of age or over, a resident or employee of the county

where you serve as a poll worker, and able to read, write, and speak English. Poll workers are hired and trained by Georgia's 159 counties. While compensation rates may vary by county, poll workers generally earn about \$60 – \$140 per day. All hiring and staffing decisions are made by the county. If you are interested in serving as a poll worker, please provide your contact information at [securevotega.com/pollworker-signup/](https://securevotega.com/pollworker-signup/). Additionally, you may contact your elections office directly [here](#).

### Adopt a Precinct

Civic groups can commit to serving their community together and can include their organization on the [poll worker sign up page](#). They may also work with counties directly on efforts to adopt a specific precinct and serve as a group at the same location. Groups can also wear t-shirts and promote their group's effort to rise to the challenge of being an Election Hero. Organizations can find resources for poll worker recruitment here: <http://securevotega.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/2020-Poll-Worker-Recruitment-Toolkit.pdf>