

Becoming an Election Inspector

Frequently Asked Questions

When you serve your community as an Election Inspector, you play an active role in one of the principles our country was founded on by protecting the rights and freedoms of our citizens by facilitating the Right to Vote.

Q. What is an Election Inspector?

They are voters who are appointed by the Board of Elections to serve a 1-year term to work in the polls on Election Day.

Q. What are Election Inspector's Responsibilities?

They are responsible for making sure the voting process at the polls is conducted according to Election Law in a fair and efficient manner.

Q. Are Election Inspectors Volunteers?

No, the county pays them.

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

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

Q. Is there a lot of training involved to be an Election Inspector?

Training and testing is required every year. A flexible training schedule is available from August to October. Classes are about 2 hours long. Election Inspectors are compensated with a small stipend for training.

Q. What Days and Hours do Election Inspectors Work?

Election Inspectors work on General Election Day in November from 5:15 am until 9:30 pm. They sometimes also work a Primary Election, or Special Election, usually from 11:15 am until 9:30 pm.

Q. Will I be working with experienced Election Inspectors?

Yes. There are at least four (4) inspectors working each voting site (Election District). Ontario County calls upon over 400 Election Inspectors to work in 92 Election Districts. About 90% return to work every year; so the majority of inspectors are experienced.

Q. Do Election Inspectors get time off during Election Day?

Yes. Election Inspectors take time off during the day to eat a meal and to vote.

Q. Will I be working at my own voting location?

If there is an opening, yes. Otherwise, you will be placed as close to your own Election District as vacancies allow.

Q. What if I am on SSI, unemployment or concerned about tax issues?

Each person's circumstances are unique and therefore they must check with their own advisors. However, Election Day workers, in most cases, are exempt from tax deductions.

Q. How do I sign up?

Call the Ontario County Board of Elections at 585-396-4005, or print and complete the application below and mail it to us at:

Ontario County Board of Elections
74 Ontario Street
Canandaigua NY 14424



Ontario County Board of Elections

Mary Q. Salotti
Commissioner

74 Ontario Street, Canandaigua New York 14424
585-396-4005

Michael J. Northrup
Commissioner

2011 Election Inspector Application Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Election Inspector. Please fill out this form and mail it to Ontario County BOE, 74 Ontario Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424. Call with any questions at: 585-396-4005.

Inspector Facts:

- *You must be a registered voter in Ontario County.
- *Pay: Training Class = \$25, Primary Day = \$85, General Election Day = \$150
- *You must take a training class and take a simple test.
- *You are responsible for your own transportation.
- *You must be enrolled in either the Republican Party, or the Democratic Party.

	<u>Can Work</u>	<u>Can Not Work</u>
Primary Election: Hours are approximately 11:15 am-9:15 pm	_____	_____
General Election: Hours are approximately 5:15am – 9:15 pm	_____	_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town or City _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

We greatly appreciate your interest in serving your community.

Thank you.