STEP UP for your beliefs;

STEP UP for your country;

STEP UP for Democracy;

STEP UP!

Student Teen Election Poll workers

Understanding the Power of civic duty

The STEP-UP Program seeks to involve the next generation in the democratic process prior to registering to vote. This program allows students who are at least 16 years-old to work at polling places on Election Day as full-fledge workers with all of the responsibilities and rewards. It is hoped that by having a real-life rewarding Election Day experience students will develop a life-long tradition of civic responsibility, both as poll workers and voters.

Requirements:

To qualify for the STEP UP program, a student must:

- be at least 16 years-old,
- a U.S. citizen,
- submit an application that includes parental permission
- attend training.

Pay:

- Election Day: $100
- Training Class: $10
- Set- Up Meeting: $5

Election Dates:

Primary Election: Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2010
General Election: Tuesday Nov. 2, 2010

In 2006, A.R.S 16-531G was passed, which allows students at least 16 years of age to work at the polls on Election Day. The Statute is listed below:

G. Notwithstanding any other law, the board of supervisors may appoint to an election board to serve as a clerk of election a person who is not eligible to vote if all of the following conditions are met:
1. The person is a minor who will be at least sixteen years of age at the time of the election for which the person is named to the election board.
2. The person is a citizen of the United States at the time of the election for which the person is named to the election board.
3. The person is supervised by an adult who has been trained as an elections officer.
4. The person has received training provided by the officer in charge of elections.
5. The parent or guardian of the person has provided written permission for the person to serve.

Contact for more information:

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How Do I become Involved?

Maricopa County is asking teachers to help us identify qualifying students that benefit from this experience and make applications available. Interested students would submit the application, which includes signatures of permission from his or her parent/guardian, as well as the student's school, to Maricopa County Elections Department. After the application is received, an Elections Department recruiter will contact the student to place him or her in a polling place close to home and schedule them in a training class.

Our goal is to work with the teachers and schools to hire one student for each of the 1,142 polling places for the 2010 Primary and General Elections. In doing so, we hope to begin a tradition of civic duty and responsibility in a new generation. We look forward to working with each individual school to make this happen.

Helen Purcell, County Recorder

Karen Osborne, Director Of Elections

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Mumble

Grumble

Complain

Wallow

Do Something

Note: The one at the bottom changes things a lot faster.

On Primary and General Election Days Maricopa County is going to need nearly 7,000 Poll Workers to guarantee integrity in the polling place, while ensuring voters receive good customer service enabling them to cast their vote. Will you STEP UP and help?

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