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# **Democracy All Stars Wanted: Michigan voting rights advocates celebrate National Poll Worker Recruitment Day**

*Aug 1. Day of action to recruit new poll workers*

DETROIT – Michigan voting rights advocates celebrate National Poll Worker Recruitment Day, a national day of action to recruit new potential poll workers who are committed to ensuring safe, fair and free elections for voters.

All Voting is Local Michigan, ACLU of Michigan, Michigan Voices and Michigan League of Conservation Voters Education Fund have been getting an early start recruiting new poll workers for the November general election. In recognition of National Poll Worker Day, organizations have come together to sign on to a [letter](#), which will be delivered to student affairs departments at colleges and universities across Michigan. This letter aims to support poll worker recruitment and encourage young voters to actively participate in the democratic process.

“Poll workers power our democracy, and are the backbone for making sure eligible Michigan voters can make their voices heard at the ballot box,” said **Brooke Harris**, Democracy For All Director with the **Michigan League of Conservation Voters Education Fund**. “We are engaging with partners, members and community organizations to get the word out and help connect Michiganders with ways to plug in to be poll workers this election.”

Serving as a poll worker is one of the most effective ways for individuals to participate in our democracy. It is a valuable way to give back to your community, support your neighbors and be part of the democratic process. In Michigan, people as young as 16 and 17 can serve as poll workers and get paid for their service. Shifts and job assignments, precinct placement, and pay rates for election inspectors are all determined by local election clerks. The pay rate is typically \$10-15 dollars per hour.

“In Michigan, voters are fortunate to have more options than ever before to cast their ballots, including voting by mail, early voting and voting on election day,” said **Ben Gardner**, Michigan Senior Campaign Manager with **All Voting Is Local**. “With all of

these new options, it's on all of us to help recruit poll workers and election inspectors to help run our local elections.”

Individuals interested in serving as poll workers should visit [michigan.gov/pollworker](https://michigan.gov/pollworker) to submit an interest form and get connected with the Secretary of State's Democracy MVP program.

To serve as a poll worker in Michigan:

- You must be at least 16 years of age
- You must be a registered voter in Michigan if 18+ years of age
- Individuals aged 16-17 must be a Michigan resident
- You must not have a felony or election crime conviction
- You must not be an election challenger, a candidate, a member of a candidate's immediate family, or a member of the local board of canvassers

“Poll workers help ensure accessibility and ease in voting, making sure voters have a secure and efficient voting experience,” said **Meghan Cullen**, Clerk Engagement Program Manager at the **ACLU of Michigan**. “We all rely on poll workers to help administer our elections, and joining in the process can offer a firsthand look at how democracy works while helping people in your community make their voices heard.”

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