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Be an Election Inspector in Historic 2024 Elections in Kalamazoo County

KALAMAZOO, Mich. - With the passage of Michigan Proposal 2022-2, Kalamazoo County is gearing up for an expansion of in-person Early Voting for the 2024 elections, beginning with the presidential primary. As part of this historic moment, Kalamazoo County is actively seeking dedicated individuals to join our team as Election Inspectors.

Election Inspectors, also known as Poll Workers, play a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth and efficient functioning of our democratic process. They will be instrumental in providing voters with access to Early Voting, a key feature of Proposal 2022-2. As an Election Inspector, you will be involved in various aspects of Early Voting, from setting up polling stations to assisting voters in exercising their right to vote.

"Kalamazoo County is at the forefront of expanding access to early voting, and the success of this endeavor depends on the dedication of our Election Inspectors," said Meredith Place, Kalamazoo County Clerk & Register of Deeds. "As an Election Inspector, you not only get paid but also play a crucial role in preserving democracy, ensuring fair elections, and helping fellow citizens exercise their right to vote. Your service as an Election Inspector will shape the way we vote, and I wholeheartedly encourage all eligible residents to step forward and be a vital part of this exciting journey."

A Critical Need for Election Inspectors

Kalamazoo County aims to fill over 320 Election Inspector shifts over the course of nine days for each federal and state election in 2024, along with 36 Election Inspector Chairperson shifts and 12 Early Vote Receiving Board shifts. Your participation is crucial to the success of Early Voting in Kalamazoo County.

Eligibility Requirements

To become an Election Inspector in Michigan, you must:

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

 Affiliate with a political party (party registration is not a requirement, but affiliation disclosure is mandatory).

Compensation and Training

Election Inspectors are compensated at a competitive rate of \$16 per hour, with site chairpersons receiving \$18 per hour. All Election Inspectors are required to complete the necessary training provided to become certified election inspectors, which will be compensated.

How to Apply

Joining our team is simple and rewarding. To apply, complete the <u>State of Michigan's Election Inspector Application and Kalamazoo County's addendum to the application</u>. Sign and return this form by mail to Kalamazoo County Clerk's Office at 201 W Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007, or by email to elections@kalcounty.com.

Kalamazoo County invites you to be a part of this historic moment by becoming an Election Inspector. For more information, including application details and benefits, please visit our dedicated webpage: https://www.kalcounty.com/clerk/elections_voting/inspector.html.

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