

The City of Eagle Lake is Recruiting Election Judges for 2020!

The City of Eagle Lake is looking for election judges and short notice substitute election judges for the three elections in 2020. Judges should be available to work on March 3, August 11, and November 3, 2020 from 6:00 a.m. to the end of the night, approximately 9:00 p.m. If you are interested, please complete [this application](#) to serve your community. We're recruiting anyone over 18 years of age who are eligible to vote. For more detailed information on duties and eligibility please log onto the city's website at www.eaglelakemn.com

Duties of Election Judges

Election judges are responsible for the administration of election procedures in the voting place. Election judges help to guarantee that the rights of voters are protected on Election Day. Duties include:

- Opening and closing the polls (judges work from 6:00 am to 9:00 pm or later; however half-day shifts may be available)
- Being responsible for all election materials
- Ensuring only qualified voters are permitted to vote only once
- Distributing ballots
- Helping voters requiring assistance
- Maintaining order in the voting place throughout the day
- Registering new voters at the polling site
- Obtaining the results after the polls are closed
- Certifying the precinct election results

Eligibility Requirements

Any person who resides in and is eligible to vote in the county where they serve is eligible to be an election judge. **Judges are asked to state a political party preference.** No more than half of the election judges in a precinct may be members of the same major political party.

- You must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days and be a citizen of the United States. You should be prepared to provide identification to prove your identity.
- You must be affiliated with a major political party to complete some tasks and not stating a party may restrict your eligibility.
- You cannot be the husband, wife, parent, child, brother, or sister of a candidate or be domiciled (live with) a candidate, either permanently or temporarily.
- You cannot be related to another election judge in the same precinct.
- You cannot be a candidate for the election in which you are serving as a judge.
- You cannot be a judge unless you can read, write, and speak the English language understandably.

Selection of Judges

The governing body of the municipality or township appoints election judges for precincts in a municipality.

Payment for Election Judge Services & Time Off of Work

The pay varies according to precinct policy. Pay will be at least minimum wage. Like jury duty, Minnesota law allows you time off from work with full work pay if you give 20 days' prior notice to your employer.

Becoming an Election Judge

If you are interested in becoming an election judge, please fill out the [Election Judge Application](#). Your local government clerk will call you for training when your service is needed. Judges are trained and certified for two years. They may work at one or several elections during their term of service.

The [Minnesota Secretary of State website](#) has additional information on becoming an election judge.