



Shasta Election Times

SHASTA COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

September 2015

High School Voter Education Kick-Off

In connection with AB 1817, Secretary Padilla and Superintendent Tom Torlakson are encouraging voter education and registration at the high school level. We contacted all Shasta County school boards. All have made a proclamation in support of September 14 to 25, 2015 as High School Voter Education Weeks.

Why the focus on the youth to vote? Everyday nearly 12,000 young people turn 18. More than 84 million Millennials will be over 18 in 2016. This is our future. In 2012, only half of the 18-29 year-olds voted. The League of Women voters determined that youths do not vote because of a lack of voter information and access to registration. Education availability can change the outcome.

We built a program to engage and prepare high school students to become active participants in the election process. We asked high schools to nominate students as “voter outreach coordinators” and invited them to attend our workshop. Our office held the first High School Voter Education kick-off on Monday, August 31st!

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Seven different high schools have participated and the students were engaging. Joanna showed a video about the history of voting from Rock the Vote. She led lively group discussions with the students to generate ideas for outreach. Students learned how to fill out a Voter Registration card and register online.

In May’s newsletter, we will report on the outcome of California’s High School Voter Education Weeks during September.

Check out this video on the history of voting: <https://www.youtube.com/HistoryofVoting>

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High School Poll Worker Program

This special program gives students (16 yrs with a 2.5 GPA) hands-on experience with the voting process. High school students throughout Shasta County can discover firsthand how our American electoral process works. It is a great opportunity to serve our community, get an inside look at the democratic process as well as earn some extra money.

Student Requirements:

A High School Poll worker will be required to:

- Report to one of Shasta County's 90-plus polling sites on Election Day morning.
- Help set up voting equipment and open the polls by 7am.
- Facilitate voting by issuing ballots and checking off voters in the roster.
- Close the polls at 8pm, count the number of ballots and prepare them for pickup

Benefits of the Program:

- Students make \$100!
- It's a great addition to students resume or college application; it shows college admissions and potential employers that they have a proven record of responsibility and teamwork!
- Hours worked may count toward their school's community service graduation requirements.
- By helping others vote.
- Finally, students have the chance to meet new people in their community!

What can you as an experienced poll worker do to help?

Recruit! Children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors

Help students learn during the election - Answer questions, educate them

Appreciate their contributions and learn from them

Identify their strengths and weakness

Let students lift and operate the machines

Make them feel appreciated

**YOUR VOTE
IS
YOUR VOICE**