

## Question & Answer: 2024 Primary Election Election Judges

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<p><b>How do I become an election judge in Champaign County? What are the qualifications?</b></p>	<p>The first step is to fill out an application online or request one from the County Clerk's office: <a href="mailto:elections@champaigncountyclerkil.gov">elections@champaigncountyclerkil.gov</a> or 217-384-3724.</p> <p>The qualifications are listed below but by far the most important qualification to be an election judge is flexibility and adaptability. The training provided is extensive and detailed, but judges still need to think on their feet, troubleshoot technology, and adapt to the circumstances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have basic computer literacy and be comfortable with technology</li> <li>• Be a citizen of the United States and entitled to vote at the next election, or be a high school student serving as an election judge</li> <li>• Be of good repute and character and not subject to the registration requirement of the Sex Offender Registration Act</li> <li>• Be able to speak, read, and write the English language</li> <li>• Not be a candidate for any office at the election and not be elected precinct committeemen</li> <li>• Reside in Champaign County</li> <li>• Attend the 4-hour election judge training and pass the test</li> </ul>	<p><i>Source: Office of Champaign County Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="https://champaigncountyclerkil.gov/elections/work-election-judge">https://champaigncountyclerkil.gov/elections/work-election-judge</a></p>
<p><b>Can high school students serve as election judges?</b></p>	<p>Yes. Juniors and seniors in high school with a grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, with the permission of their parent or guardian and their principal, can serve as election judges. They must also attend the training classes and are paid \$200 for working on election day.</p>	<p><i>Source: Office of Champaign County Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="https://champaigncountyclerkil.gov/elections/work-election-judge">https://champaigncountyclerkil.gov/elections/work-election-judge</a></p>
<p><b>What are the duties of an election judge at voting locations?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open and close the polls</li> <li>• Be responsible for all election materials</li> <li>• Ensure that only qualified voters are permitted to vote, and that each qualified voter is permitted to vote once and only once</li> <li>• Give instructions on the method of voting when requested by a voter</li> <li>• Give assistance to illiterate and physically disabled voters</li> <li>• Maintain order in the polling place throughout the day</li> <li>• Tally the vote after the polls are closed</li> <li>• Tally the election results in that precinct</li> </ul>	<p><i>Source: Office of Champaign County Clerk</i></p> <p><i>Website:</i> <a href="https://champaigncountyclerkil.gov/elections/work-election-judge">https://champaigncountyclerkil.gov/elections/work-election-judge</a></p>