Adopt A PRECINCT

What is it?
Adopt-a-Precinct is a partnership in which an organization or group “adopts” a Mankato polling place for an election cycle and provides the personnel to staff that location with other Election Judges. These individuals are volunteers who train and serve as Election Judges and donate the money they earn to the organization or group.

What are the benefits?
The benefits are three-fold:

- Voters are served by well-trained staff at the adopted precinct.
- The Blue Earth County Elections Office gains motivated workers at the polling places.
- Everyone benefits from the work the non-profit organization is doing in our community.

Volunteer Qualifications

- US citizen
- Eligible to vote in Minnesota
- Speak, read and write English
- Complete minimum of 2 hours of mandatory training
- Be courteous, polite, able to work with the public and co-workers, and must have the ability to remain non-partisan throughout the day regardless of voter commentary or questions

What hours will volunteers work?
Polling places are staffed from 6am-10pm (approximately). In addition, volunteers will need to complete 2-4 hours of mandatory training. On elections days (August 9 and November 8), volunteers can elect to work one 16-hour shift, or two volunteers can split that into two 8-hour shifts.

How many volunteers can I have and how much do they earn?
A precinct can minimally run with five people for primary elections and ten people for general elections, but we will work with your organization to determine how many people you can have volunteer. Each volunteer earns $11 per hour.

How do volunteers apply?
To register as a group or to learn more about group volunteering, please call the Elections Office at (507) 304-4341. If you would like to apply as an individual, please visit www.blueearthcountymn.gov/electionjudge