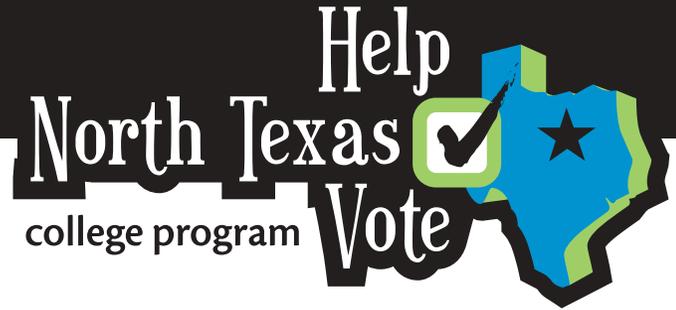


## Did You Know?

Not having enough poll workers can force a polling site to close or lead to delays at the voting booth. According to election officials, the result could prevent people from exercising their right to vote.



## Election Day is November 2, 2004

Sign up to become part of the *Help North Texas Vote College Program* and take on a larger role in the United States election process. The right to vote is the foundation of our democracy, and assuring access in all our communities is critical. Because of this, it is imperative that the election process runs smoothly for everyone. A large part of this includes the people that actually work the polls on the Election Day. By signing up on the *HNTV* website, you will provide your name to the county in which you are registered to vote, and if there is a need for poll workers in that county, it is very possible that you will be called upon to serve on Election Day, November 2, 2004.

## The Need For Poll Workers

The number of poll workers serving on Election Day is consistently not adequate, according to election officials in Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant counties. While an inadequate number of poll workers is a significant problem of its own, an added burden results from the lack of bilingual poll workers. All three aforementioned counties have a need for bilingual workers that includes both Spanish and Vietnamese-speaking workers.

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## Poll Worker Requirements

Requirements for election poll workers are similar for Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant counties:

- Workers **must** be registered to vote in the county where they wish to work
- Workers **must not** be an elected official or be an employee of an elected official
- Workers **must** be able to arrive at their assigned polling site before the polls open and must remain until the polls are closed and results are either called in or transported
- Workers should enjoy interaction with the public, be detail-oriented, be able to take direction well, and not be easily distracted

## How To Become A Poll Worker

It's easy! Sign up on the *Help North Texas Vote* website and your information will be transferred to the county in which you are registered. Once the county officials receive your information, they will determine that county's need. Those needed will be called upon to attend poll worker training. Training is typically held for a few hours over the course of one day. After you are trained, you are qualified to serve as a poll worker on Election Day.

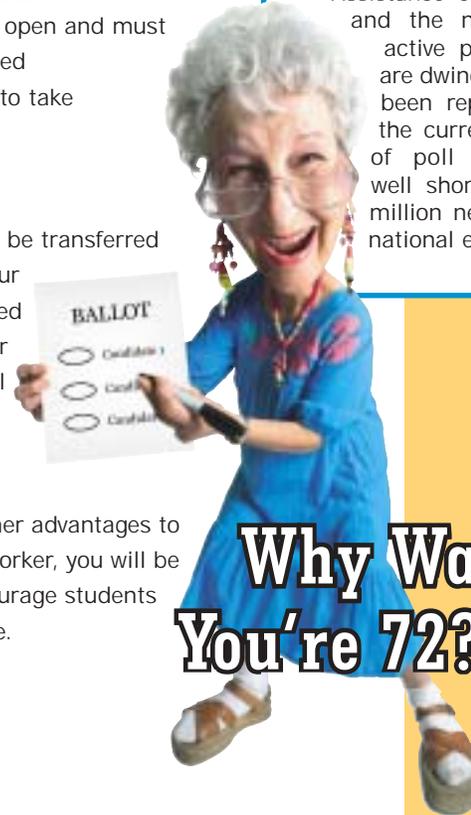
## What's In It For You?

Despite the opportunity to fulfill a civic duty that aids fellow Texans, there are other advantages to working the polls on Election Day. If you are called and asked to become a poll worker, you will be compensated for your training and the days that you work. Additionally, we encourage students to work with faculty members to arrange criteria for extra credit where applicable.

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The average age of a U.S. poll worker is 72, according to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, and the numbers of active poll workers are dwindling. It has been reported that the current number of poll workers is well short of the 2 million needed for a national election.



**Why Wait Till  
You're 72?**