

POWELL TOWNSHIP IS HIRING ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR THE 2026 ELECTION YEAR

NOTE: ALL CURRENT ELECTION INSPECTORS MUST FILL OUT A NEW APPLICATION FOR THE 2026 ELECTION YEAR

What is an election inspector?

- 1) Election inspectors, i.e. poll workers, are hired, paid, and trained local government workers who assist with running local elections in compliance with Michigan Election Law
- 2) Each county, city, and township in Michigan hires and pays election inspectors for the early voting period and on Election Day
- 3) Election inspectors may be assigned different responsibilities
- 4) At a polling place or early voting site, election inspectors greet and check-in voters, issue ballots, and assist with tabulation. Individuals may also be hired to assist with processing absentee ballots

What are the qualifications to be an election inspector?

- 1) Eligibility requirements to serve as an election inspector in Michigan are as follows:
 - You must be at least 16 years of age
 - You must be a registered voter in Michigan of 18+ years of age. Individuals aged 16 – 17 must be a Michigan resident
 - You must not have a felony or election crime conviction
 - You must not be an election challenger, a candidate, a member of a candidate's immediate family, or a member of the local board of canvassers
 - You must affiliate with a political party. Party registration is not a requirement. Michigan law requires that election inspectors disclose political affiliation to ensure balanced staffing. Affiliating as "independent" or "unaffiliated" is not a legal option for an election inspector.
- 2) While not a requirement, Michigan election clerks are seeking individuals with the following skills to serve as election inspectors:
 - Organization
 - Management and supervising
 - Customer service
 - Project management
 - Familiarity with technology, such as operation of computers and software

Do election inspectors receive training?

- 1) If hired as an election inspector, you will receive official training from the Marquette County Clerk on how to run elections and assist voters in accordance with Michigan election law.
- 2) Training will be starting in 2026

Are you Interested?

- 1) If interested, please check with the Powell Township Clerk's office for an application. Office hours are Monday and Thursdays from 9-noon.
- 2) Rate of pay is \$15 an hour for election inspector and \$15.50 an hour for election chair.

State of Michigan Election Inspector Application

(Complete in your own handwriting and return to your local City/Township Clerk - find your local Clerk at mi.gov/vote)

personal information

Full Name _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Email Address _____

Home Address _____

Phone #'s Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Registered in ☐ City or ☐ Township of _____ Pct # _____ Ward # _____

County of _____

Political Party Affiliation (**REQUIRED**; must be a recognized state party & may not be Independent):

☐ Republican ☐ Democratic ☐ Libertarian ☐ U.S. Taxpayers ☐ Green ☐ Natural Law ☐ Working Class

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or election crime? ☐ Yes ☐ No

education and experience information

Education Background (include highest grade completed or degree held) _____

Employment Background (include current or last place of employment and type or work performed)

Languages other than English that you speak (if any) _____

Please rate your computer experience (data look-up, database processing, creating .pdfs, etc.):

1 = not experienced, 5 = very experienced

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

Past experience as an election inspector, if any (include name of jurisdiction) _____

Do you have transportation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you work at any polling place? ☐ Yes ☐ No If not, explain: _____

signature and certification

I CERTIFY THAT I am not a member or a known active advocate* of a political party other than the party identified above. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

____/____/____
Date

* A "known active advocate" of another political party is defined to mean a person who 1) is a delegate to the convention or an officer of another party; 2) is affiliated with another party through an elected or appointed government position or; 3) has made documented public statements specifically supporting by name another political party or its candidates in the same calendar year as the election at which the person will serve as an inspector. "Documented public statements" means statements reported by the news media or written statements with a clear and unambiguous attribution to the applicant.

ANY FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS APPLICATION WILL DISQUALIFY THE APPLICANT.

Approved by State Director of Elections (August 2017)