

Help America Vote College Poll Worker Grant Awardees

Asnuntuck Community College

Asnuntuck Community College's Help Connecticut Vote Campaign was awarded \$30,000 to train college students, with a focus on bi-lingual students, to serve as poll workers in the Bridgeport, New Haven, Meriden, New Britain, Hartford, Waterbury and Windham areas of Connecticut. Participating students are eligible for 1 college credit for completing web based assignments, readings and real time discussions. Classroom work will focus on the role of state and local governments in establishing election guidelines and civic participation in America.

California State University, Long Beach

California State University, Long Beach's Associated Students, Inc. was awarded \$25,000 to run the "Love Me. I'm a Poll Worker" program to recruit student poll workers for the County of Los Angeles. Participants will wear "Love Me. I'm a Poll Worker" t-shirts every Tuesday through Election Day.

Eastern Michigan University

Eastern Michigan University's American Democracy Project was awarded a \$25,000 grant to recruit students to serve as poll workers in the City of Ypsilanti, MI. Additional students will serve in a motivational and logistic support capacity. The students will create brochures, facts sheets, and develop a web presence that focuses on the election process, voter registration and voter education. The students will also attend a workshop that will educate them about their rights and responsibilities as U.S. Citizens and increase their understanding and participation in the political process.

Florida Memorial College

Florida Memorial College was awarded \$50,000 to recruit student poll workers and assistants for the Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. FMC's poll worker training will focus on national and state election procedures, basic customer service, sensitivity, civil rights, polling place procedures, ballot and accounting security, and using optical scanning systems. After Election Day the students will share their experiences as a poll worker in classes and small groups.

Golden Key International Honour Society

Golden Key International Honour Society was awarded \$130,000 to recruit student poll workers nation wide from its membership and students at large. Golden Key will create a website so chapters can share information about recruiting practices. Local chapters will recruit student poll workers and will coordinate with state and local officials to arrange poll worker training. Chapters will compete for recognition of the most successful and innovative in their efforts to recruit student poll workers.

Illinois Central College

Illinois Central College was awarded \$12,000 to recruit technology literate student poll workers for the Peoria area. The project will encourage faculty members to foster political discussions in the classroom related to voting. The project will also focus on developing the student's skills in intergenerational relations, collaborative behavior, organization, observation, communication and networking. Student poll workers shall provide feedback to election officials related to the adoption of electronic voting machines.

Los Angeles Conservation Corps

Los Angeles Conservation Corps's Girls Today, Women Tomorrow program was awarded \$20,000 to recruit and place students as poll workers in underserved areas of Los Angeles County. GTWT will also work with local election officials to organize on site poll worker trainings. GTWT will also organize a mock Election Day dry run to prepare the students for the tasks they will face.

Northampton Community College

Northampton Community College was awarded \$25,000 to recruit student poll workers for Lehigh, Northampton and Monroe counties in Pennsylvania. NCC will use faculty engagement strategies to encourage participation as part of the service-learning mixture. NCC will also conduct on campus training sessions that will cover dealing with voters with disabilities, non English speaking voters and general sensitivity when dealing with all voters.

Northern Kentucky University

Northern Kentucky University's Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement was awarded \$25,000 to recruit student poll workers for Boone, Campbell, Kenton, Grant, Gallatin and Pendleton Counties in Kentucky and Hamilton and Clermont Counties in Ohio. NKU students will design the "Step Up to the Plate" campaign poll worker recruitment materials. Participants will be eligible to enter essay and art contests capturing the experience of working at the polls.

Roxbury Community College

Roxbury Community College was awarded \$30,000 to train students to work as poll workers in Boston, Massachusetts. RCC will work with the local election department to train students on campus. Students will participate in four voting and democracy sessions that will focus on local government, voting and the constitution, what does our vote accomplish and current issues in voting.

Rural Ethnic Institute

Rural Ethnic Institute's Northern Plains Help America Vote College Program was awarded \$50,000 to recruit Native American college students to serve as poll workers for precincts in Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota where Native Americans have a significant presence. The program will work with election officials in the training of all poll workers, new and seasoned. The program will also develop educational video and other media products about poll workers.

University of Maryland, College Park

University of Maryland, College Park's Center for American Politics and Citizenship was awarded \$25,000 to recruit student poll workers for Prince George's and other Maryland Counties. CAPC will develop a poll worker registration website where students can select training sessions on campus. CAPC will also develop an "adopt a precinct" program for student clubs and organizations.

University of North Texas

The University of North Texas's Help North Texas Vote College Program was awarded \$80,000 to recruit bi-lingual and technology savvy students to serve as poll workers in Dallas, Denton and Tarrant Counties. The program will create a website to recruit student poll workers and provide links to every county election website in Texas. The program will train hundreds students who may earn "extra credit" in class for their participation.

University of Baltimore

The University of Baltimore's Schaefer Center for Public Policy and the Center for Citizenship and Applied Politics within the School of Public Affairs was awarded \$70,000 to enlist Student Election Judge Recruiters to assist Maryland's 24 local Boards of Elections. The program will develop a website to receive applications and provide links to state election resource. The Student Election Judge Recruiters will recruit hundreds of poll workers statewide.

Wiley College

Wiley College was awarded \$30,000 to select students to serve as poll workers in Harrison County, TX. The Election Administrator and Precinct 3 Judge will conduct on campus poll worker training. Students will be required to write a paper describing how their experience did or did not enhance their commitment to encourage other students to participate in the political process, and their own chances of serving in future elections. The students will attend four training seminars that will focus on interpersonal skills, right to vote as the cornerstone of democracy, the voting process and responsibilities of Election Day workers.