

Are Precinct Officials Sworn In?

All appointed Rockingham County Precinct Officials must take an oath prior to working in any Election. The oath taken by a Precinct Official reads as follows...

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States; that I will administer the duties of my office as chief judge of (judge of election in) _____ precinct, _____ County, without fear or favor; that I will not in any manner request or seek to persuade or induce any voter to vote for or against any particular candidate or proposition; and that I will not keep or make any memorandum of anything occurring within a voting booth, unless I am called upon to testify in a judicial proceeding for a violation of the election laws of this State; so help me, God."

What Are The Duties?

Chief Judges

Chief Judges are responsible for the overall management of their Precincts on Election Day, and for picking up and returning Election Supplies. Chief Judges work closely with the Elections Director to ensure that their Precincts are properly staffed, and all arrangements are made with their Voting Locations.

Judges

Judges are responsible for assisting the Chief Judge in the proper management of their Precincts on Election Day. A Judge may also be required to fill in as a Chief Judge in the event of an emergency.

Assistants

Assistants are responsible for assisting at their Precincts as determined by the Chief Judge.

**Some of the duties Precinct Officials may be assigned include...*

- Checking in Voters
- Working at the Ballot Station
- Working at the Help Station
- Assisting with Curbside Voting
- Working at the Voting Tabulator
- Monitoring the Electioneering Areas
- Assisting with Paperwork
- Reconciling Totals
- Managing Lines

Rockingham County Precinct Officials Information



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What Is A Precinct Official?

Precinct Officials play a crucial role in the proper administration of Elections in Rockingham County. Precinct Officials are responsible for properly running our One Stop (Early) Voting Locations and Election Day Precincts. Precinct Officials must ensure that all Elections laws and procedures are followed while performing their duties and assisting Voters when they present to vote.

What Are The Qualifications?

According to the law, in order to serve as a Rockingham County Precinct Official, you must be a registered Voter in Rockingham County, must be of good repute, and must be able to read and write.

You may not serve if you are an Elected Official, are a candidate for nomination or Election, hold any office within a Political Party, or are related to or working with a candidate who is on the ballot.

***It is extremely helpful if Precinct Officials are very familiar with computers.**

How Are You Appointed?

Rockingham County Precinct Officials are recommended by the Rockingham County Party Chairmen and are appointed by the Rockingham County Board of Elections.

Appointments are made in August of odd-numbered years.

Rockingham County Precinct Officials are appointed to two year terms.

Will You Work Every Election During Your Term?

Not every appointed Precinct Official will be scheduled to work for every Election during their two year term.

Second Primary Elections historically have a low Voter turnout and do not require all appointed Assistants.

In Municipal Elections, only Voting Locations that are within City/Town limits are opened. As with Second Primary Elections, Municipal Elections historically have a low Voter turnout and do not require all appointed Assistants.

Will You Be Paid?

Rockingham County Precinct Officials are compensated for their service. Amounts paid to Precinct Officials vary depending upon the job performed.

Chief Judges:	\$200
Judges:	\$155
Assistants:	\$125

Other amounts paid...

Training	\$15
Supply Pickup (Chief Judges)	\$20
Setup	\$15
Results Return	\$20
Supply Return (Chief Judges)	\$20

*Precinct Officials pay is not taxed.

How Do You Apply?

To apply for a position as a Rockingham County Precinct Official, you must complete a Precinct Officials Application. Applications may be obtained from the Board of Elections office or online from the Rockingham County Website.

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