

Be a good citizen-work the polls

To the editor: If you want to empower voters and defend democracy, be a poll worker. Henderson County Board of Elections needs 150 poll workers for One-Stop Early Voting and Election Day. In the midst of this pandemic, you can help others vote in-person safely. Every polling station will practice social distancing and include masks, hand sanitizer, and one-use pens.

Any registered voter who is a Henderson County resident can be a poll worker other than elected officials and managers/treasurers of political parties or candidates. Highly recommended, 17-year-old Henderson County high school students with parental consent can also be poll workers.

Poll workers are assigned to one of several jobs and receive training in advance. You may be assigned to greet voters, print voter authorization forms, assist with curbside voting, or assure ballots are inserted correctly into the tabulator.

These are paid positions. One-Stop Early voting is done in 4, 6, or 8-hour shifts for \$12 an hour while Election Day is all day for \$170 which includes the required training session.

Every poll worker helps protect our democracy. Please consider being a local hero.

For more information, go to www.hendersoncountync.gov/elections/webform/interested-being-precinctworker.

**Rachel Poller, president, League of Women Voters
Henderson County**