TOWN OF
THOMSON
ESKO Minnesota

Election Judge Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Be a U.S. citizen.
2. Be an eligible voter in the State of Minnesota.
3. Declare political party affiliation (if affiliated).
4. Able to read, write, & speak English.
5. Be appointed by the Town Board.
6. Be trained and certified as an election judge.

NOT ELIGIBLE:

1. Candidates in that election.
2. Husband, wife, parent, child, sibling of a candidate

***Judges who are relatives to each other cannot serve together in the same precinct during the same shift. They can work separate, non-overlapping shifts.

Mark One:

Party Designation: ◯ Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party ◯ Republican Party ◯ I do not affiliate with any of the parties above

Mark Dates you are Available: (Preference will be given to individuals who are available for all dates.)

Dates Available: ◯ Tuesday, August 11, 2026 ◯ Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Mark Hours you are Available (Pick one):

Hours Available: ◯ 6:00am-1:30pm ◯ 1:00pm-9:30pm or when reporting is complete ◯ FULL DAY

TRAINING: Election judges must successfully complete a minimum of 2 hours of training. This training will be held at the Carlton County Trans Bldg, 1630 County Hwy 61, Carlton. Mark which training you will be attending:

◯ Thursday, June 25 – 8:30am-10:30am **(PREFERRED)**

◯ Wednesday, June 24 – 6:00pm-8:00pm

◯ Wednesday, July 8 – 1:00pm-3:00pm

PAY: The Town pays election judges $14.00/hour for attending training sessions and performing Election Day duties.

TIME OFF FROM WORK: State Statute provides that people who are selected to be election judges may take time off from work without loss of pay. A prospective judge must give his or her employer at least 20 days written notice and a certificate from the Town Clerk that shows the hours the person will work and rate of pay. The employer may deduct what the person receives for being an election judge from his or her salary for the hours that overlap. (Please note that federal agencies are not required to comply with this state law.)

STUDENT ELECTION JUDGE TRAINEES: High school students aged 16 and older may be excused from school to serve as trainee election judges. The student must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Carlton County, enrolled in a high school in Minnesota (or home schooled), have permission from their parents and school, and be in good academic standing. They must complete a 2-hour election judge training course. They serve without party affiliation, cannot serve past 10pm, must be paid at lease 2/3 of the minimum wage, and may not total more than 1/3 of the election judges in a precinct. Student judges may perform all of the usual duties in the polling place except they cannot perform those duties that require teams of judges from different political parties.