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Savings bond program promotes youth election workers

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale and the Nebraska Bankers Association have launched a program to encourage youths to assist with the democratic process on Election Day.

The program will award five \$50 savings bonds to youths aged 16 and 17 who serve as election workers during statewide primary and general elections, starting with the Nov. 2 election. The winners will be selected at drawings.

The Nebraska Bankers Association will purchase the savings bonds for the winners.

“We think it is very important to get young people to learn about the election process and encourage them to serve as election workers throughout their lives. We greatly appreciate the Nebraska Bankers Association for its belief in this program and financial support,” Gale said.

“We are excited about young people getting involved in the election process through serving as election workers,” said George Beattie, president of the Nebraska Bankers Association. “This program provides a unique opportunity for future voters to fully engage in the process of electing our leadership.”

County election officials are required to have poll workers in place by Oct. 15. Youths interested in becoming election workers and eligible for the savings bond drawings need to contact their county clerk or county election commissioner prior to that date. Youth organizations seeking community service also are encouraged to apply.

County election officials will assign tasks, and a youth must work a minimum of four hours on Election Day to qualify for the saving bond drawings.

Winners will be selected from each of the five regions across the state corresponding with the Nebraska Association of County Officials’ district organization: Northeast, Southeast, Central, West Central and Panhandle.

For the upcoming election, the drawings will take place on Nov. 23 and will be conducted by the secretary of state's office in cooperation with the Nebraska Bankers Association.

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