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Nebraska program promotes youth election workers

LINCOLN – Nebraska youth ages 14 to 18 are encouraged to participate in the democratic process by working as election workers during the May 13 primary election.

The Youth Election Service (YES), sponsored by Secretary of State John Gale and the Nebraska Bankers Association, is designed to increase interest and involvement in the election system.

Youth in the program are eligible to take part in drawings for 10 \$50 savings bonds. A youth must serve a minimum of four hours to qualify for the drawings.

In addition, all YES participants will receive a certificate of recognition from Gale.

"This is a great opportunity for young people to provide community service and learn about the election system firsthand," Gale said.

Youths interested in serving as paid workers or volunteers should contact their county clerk or county election commissioner by April 10. Youth organizations seeking community service also are encouraged to apply.

The Nebraska Bankers Association will provide the savings bonds. Two 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 more information about the program, contact Becky Richter of the Secretary of State's Office at (402) 471-6148 or becky.richter@sos.ne.gov

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