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Still time for Nebraska students to help in primary election

LINCOLN – Nebraska students still have time to contact their local election official to discuss working at the primary on May 13, says Secretary of State John Gale. Students who work or volunteer at least four hours are eligible to have their names selected to receive a \$50 gift card.

In the 2012 primary and general elections, 264 students from 27 counties took part in the Youth Election Service (YES). The program is sponsored by the Secretary of State's office and the Nebraska Bankers Association and is designed to increase interest and involvement in the election system among young people.

"Students who are 14 to 18 years old can participate," explained Gale. "Students take on a variety of roles as election assistants, greeters, data-entry clerks, supply transport personnel or equipment technicians. It offers them a real hands-on and behind-the-scenes experience as to what happens on Election Day."

The YES program is in its 10th year. Students who work at least four hours at their polling site are entered into the drawing to win the \$50 gift card from the Nebraska Bankers Association.

"We really do appreciate the continued support from the Nebraska Bankers Association in providing the gift cards. It's certainly an incentive to get students to participate. But we hope that ultimately, this experience gives students a deeper

appreciation for the voting process and why it's important to be active citizens in their communities."

All YES participants receive a certificate from the Secretary of State's office acknowledging their service. The selection for the \$50 gift cards will take place after the general election.

Any student who meets the age criteria and wishes to volunteer as an election worker should contact their county election office as soon as possible.

For additional information about the program, call (402) 471-8408.

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