Volunteers are being sought to manage and staff 361 polling places in Ventura County in the Nov. 6 general election.

Poll workers must be able to read and speak English and available to work from 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Election Day. They must also be registered voters or legal, permanent residents and complete required training.

Especially needed are poll workers who are bilingual in Spanish, Tagalog, Chinese or Vietnamese, county elections officials said.

Volunteers must be at least 18 except for selected high school juniors and seniors who work in an election officer program. Those individuals must be nominated by teachers and at least age 16 at the time of the election. They must also have at least a 2.5 grade-point average and be U.S. citizens or legal, permanent residents.

Duties include setting up and administering polling places, directing voters on the process, answering voters’ questions and closing the polls at the end of the day.

The following stipends are paid: $20 to complete training, $90 to serve as a clerk and $125 to serve as an inspector.
To apply, visit https://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections/ and click on the tab for poll workers. For additional information or to request a paper application, contact the Ventura County elections office at 805-654-2784. Individuals may also apply in person at the elections office. It is located on the bottom floor of the Hall of Administration, 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura.

Registrar of Voters Mark Lunn encouraged county residents to apply. "Being a poll worker is a great opportunity to meet new people while serving our community and the democratic process," Lunn said in a statement.