

Volunteering at Election Time

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A healthy democratic political system rests on the ability of the electorate to know, understand and judge the attitudes, characteristics, opinions and qualifications of candidates for public office. Clearly, political campaigns are essential to democracy.

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—John F Kennedy

Volunteering at election time can be an exciting and rewarding activity. In Alberta, election campaigns range from 28 to 36 days, and working on one will not only give you insight into the electoral process, issues and candidates, but also expand your personal network.



➔ Tips for volunteering at election time

- **If you want to volunteer** for a campaign, start by identifying the candidates in your constituency. All major parties list their candidates on their websites, which can be located through an Internet search.
- **Research the candidates** and their parties and determine which candidate you wish to support. You always have the option of volunteering for a candidate outside your constituency.
- **Contact the party of your choice** to volunteer your services. Well-run campaigns usually have a volunteer coordinator, who will attempt to match your skills, interests and availability to the most appropriate opportunities.
- **If you commit** to making phone calls or dropping brochures at a specific time, be sure to keep your commitment.

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