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Nebraska students could win gift card for helping on Election Day

LINCOLN – Once again Nebraska students are being encouraged to assist as poll workers in the general election, with the opportunity to win a \$50 gift card. The Youth Election Service (YES) is sponsored by Secretary of State John Gale and the Nebraska Bankers Association during each statewide election.

"We had a number of students who helped out during the primary. We're hoping more will take advantage of the opportunity on November 4th," said Gale.

In the 2012 primary and general elections, 264 students from 27 counties took part in the YES program. It's designed to give students hands-on experience in setting up and operating an election.

"We want students to become involved citizens in their communities and active voters into adulthood," explained Gale. "This program offers students the chance to serve as greeters, election assistants, data-entry clerks and more. Students who participate seem to enjoy the experience. In fact, many will help during both the primary and general elections."

Students who work at least four hours at their polling site are entered into a drawing to win a \$50 gift card from the Nebraska Bankers Association which can be used toward the purchase of a savings bond. Winners are selected following the general election.

In addition, all YES participants receive a certificate from the Secretary of State acknowledging their service. The program is now in its 10th year.

Students who wish to enroll should contact their county election office. They must be between 14 and 18 years old.

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

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