

Guidelines for Election-related Volunteering

With this being a presidential election year, students in campuses across the country are getting involved and learning about critical issues that confront our country. Based on regulations, student volunteers can do the following IF you seek volunteer hours:

- help students get registered to vote
- assist with other voter registration drives either on or off campus
- take senior citizens, people without cars, or people with disabilities to polling stations

The above are considered CIVIC activities because it does not involve a person or party. Based on regulations, students will NOT receive volunteer hours for the following:

- distribute pamphlets at public places, go door-to-door, or help make phone calls for any specific party or candidates at local, state or national levels
- Register people to vote for a specific political party
- organize or assist with fundraisers for a specific party or candidate

Please contact the Center for Service-Learning & Volunteerism at volunteer@siu.edu if you have questions or need clarifications.