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Missoula County Commissioners Seek Election Advisory Committee Applicants

The Missoula Board of County Commissioners is now accepting applications for a student member to serve a new three-year term on the Election Advisory Committee, which runs from Feb. 1, 2019, through Jan. 31, 2022. The EAC and commissioners voted in August to transition an at-large voting member to the student voting member term. The change will go into effect in February when the current at-large member term concludes.

To qualify for the EAC, a student member applicant must be:

- a registered Missoula County voter
- a student enrolled at the University of Montana or other post-secondary education institution in Missoula County on at least a half-time basis

Additionally, two current three-year terms will end Jan. 31, 2019: the ADA member and the non-voting alternate member terms. Current members who are eligible for reappointment must submit a letter of interest to the Missoula Board of County Commissioners should they wish to continue serving. New applicants are also encouraged to apply. Applications are available [online](#) or in the Commissioners' Office, located at 199 W. Pine St. in Missoula. Submissions may be filed electronically or emailed to sbell@missoulacounty.us. The deadline for applications is Dec. 27, 2018.

The Missoula County EAC comprises seven members who study the efficiency of the elections process, advocating for fair, robust and trustworthy elections. Its objectives include listening to stakeholders, conducting sound research and learning best practices, and offering thoughtful advice and recommendations to commissioners with the goal of increasing public participation in the electoral process. Commissioners appoint two citizen members, one student member and one member representing people with disabilities. In addition, the Democratic, Republican and Libertarian central committees each select one voting member. One county commissioner also serves as an ex-officio member. Meetings are held quarterly but may occur more frequently during federal election years.

For more information, please contact the Elections Office at 406-258-4751. All board vacancies are listed [online](#).

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The Missoula County Elections office is under the leadership of the elections administrator. The office is responsible for conducting fair and honest elections and works to meet the needs of 80,000 Missoula County voters. The Election Advisory Committee is made up of citizen volunteers advocating for fair, robust and trustworthy elections. The Elections office is located within the first floor of the courthouse.