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Citizenship & Voting

Citizenship and Community Membership:

McAllen Careers Institute encourages our students to be active participants in the American political system as a part of being responsible members of their community.

The Importance of Voting:

Perhaps the simplest and most effective way to participate in our society is to be an informed, participating voter. McAllen Careers Institute students are strongly encouraged to register and to vote in State and federal elections.

Voter Registration information for the State of Texas can be found at:

<http://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/>

To register to vote in Texas, you must be:

- A United States citizen;
- A resident of the county where you submit the application;
- At least 18 years old on Election Day;
- Not a convicted felon (you may be eligible to vote if you have completed your sentence, probation, and parole); and
- Not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

Once you have registered to vote, you are not required to register again unless you change your residence address, name, or political party affiliation.

Constitution Day:

Each year, McAllen Careers Institute celebrates "Constitution Day" on September 17 and offers activities to educate our students about the U.S. system of government and their individual role within it. We believe that in order for The Ocean Corporation to be a responsible part of our community, we should teach our students to do the same. If you would like to participate in planning our Constitution Day activities, please contact the Student Services Office.