

2026 IBEW Rally Toolkit: Volunteer and Release Staff Recruitment

Instructions: How to Become an AFL-CIO Labor 2026 Volunteer

Every IBEW member should become an **ongoing AFL-CIO Labor 2026 Volunteer this year!**

Sign up today: <https://act.aflcio.org/forms/volunteer-for-labor-2026>

IBEW members can get involved in this year's critical elections through the AFL-CIO's Labor 2026 program. Once signed up, the AFL-CIO will connect you with local and/or virtual opportunities to canvass, phone bank, text bank, postcard write, recruit volunteers, attend jobsite events, and more.

The 2026 election will decide issues that affect IBEW members and all working families, everything from collective bargaining and worker safety, to retirement security, infrastructure investment, and the right to organize itself. Union members talking to other union members is the best way to make sure labor's voice is heard on the issues that matter to workers.

If you know IBEW members in your state/district interested in volunteering during the 2026 election cycle, please share this information with them. Every union volunteer makes an impact.

Social Media Post with Graphics for AFL-CIO Labor 2026 Volunteers

Share this social media post and one of the graphics below to encourage fellow IBEW members in your state/district to volunteer during the 2026 election cycle:

Social Media Post

“Alert: IBEW members needed! ⚡

Election season is here, and IBEW has to get involved! Whether it's phone banking, canvassing, visiting jobsites, or attending events, every IBEW volunteer makes a real difference.

Join your fellow IBEW members to help make sure our union voice is heard.

📱 Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3T7ytBu to sign up to volunteer today!”

Social Media Graphics

- [Volunteer social media graphic 1](#)
- [Volunteer social media graphic 2](#)
- [Volunteer social media graphic 3](#)
- [Volunteer social media graphic 4](#)

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Instructions: How to Participate in the AFL-CIO Labor 2026 Release Staff Program

The Government Affairs Department encourages local union business managers to assign release staff to the AFL-CIO Labor 2026 program. Release staff can mobilize fellow union members through jobsite events, canvassing, phone banking, and volunteer recruitment.

To assign release staff, business managers should follow the [instructions](#) below to submit the required release staff letter and spreadsheet:

1. [Download and fill out the Labor 2026 release staff spreadsheet](#). Required fields have an asterisk and must be completed for the AFL-CIO to process. An email address is required since all release staff will also sign up for an ActionID to track and manage member contact. Staff with certain responsibilities will also get a Labor Action Network (LAN) account.
2. [Download and customize the Labor 2026 AFL-CIO release staff letter](#) to the state where the release staff will be sent. Have the letter signed by an officer or another person authorized to release staff to the AFL-CIO. Please refer to the [Labor 2026 State Fed Contact Sheet](#) if you need a State Fed President from a particular state.
3. **The letter and spreadsheet should then be emailed to governmentaffairs@ibew.org** for IBEW's record-keeping. Once the department has reviewed them, they will be forwarded to the National AFL-CIO to begin training, create LAN access, etc.
4. **Please submit information on release staff at least three days before they will start** volunteering in the state. Submitting information without this lead time will result in delays in onboarding and training.
5. If you have any questions about the process or what to include in the letter or spreadsheet, please email governmentaffairs@ibew.org.

Social Media Post with Graphics for AFL-CIO Labor 2026 Release Staff

Share this social media post and one of the graphics below to encourage fellow IBEW members in your state/district to participate in the AFL-CIO Labor 2026 release staff program:

Social Media Post

“Alert: IBEW members needed! ⚡

Election season is here, and we must step up to mobilize our fellow union members! As AFL-CIO Labor 2026 release staff, we can make sure IBEW members are involved when it counts. Whether it's phone banking, canvassing, jobsite events, or recruiting other volunteers, IBEW can make a real difference this year.

Join your fellow IBEW members and get involved!

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📱 Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3T7ytBu to learn how your business manager can assign you to the release staff program today!”

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