



## Voter Registration

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The Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998 require colleges to make a good faith effort to make voter registration forms available to students.

*Paper copies of Voter Registration Forms are available at the Registrar's Office.*

### **US Voting Eligibility**

**You can vote** in U.S. elections if you:

- Are a U.S. citizen.
- Meet your state's residency requirements.
  - You can be homeless and still meet these requirements.
- Are 18 years old on or before Election Day.
  - In almost every state, you can register to vote before you turn 18 if you will be 18 by Election Day.
- Are registered to vote by your state's voter registration deadline.
  - North Dakota does not require voter registration.

**You cannot vote** in U.S. elections if you:

- Are a non-citizen, including permanent legal residents and F-1 students.
- Have some with felony convictions. Rules vary by state. Check with your state elections office about the laws in your state.
- Some people who are mentally incapacitated. Rules vary by state.
- For President in the general election: U.S. citizens residing in U.S. territories.
- Check with your state or local election office for any questions about who can and can't vote.

Find more information at <https://www.usa.gov/who-can-vote>

Additionally, we encourage you to explore the information provided by these non-partisan organizations that are geared toward educating students about the elections process:

[Student Voting Guide](#)

[Rock the Vote](#)

[The League of Women Voters](#)

Registration is closed during the 27 days prior to an election. Individuals who miss the deadline may register or transfer their registration at the office of the election authority under the guidelines of grace period registration.

Students can also register to vote online at <https://vote.gov>

### **Illinois Voter Registration Information**

The pamphlet, Registering to Vote in Illinois, describes the rules and procedures surrounding the voter registration process in Illinois. An individual may register to vote in Illinois if he/she is 18 years or older on the next Election Day, resides in the jurisdiction for 30 days prior to the election, and is a U.S. citizen.

 [Click here to view the Registering to Vote document.](#)

Illinois residents may register online, in person at the office of the election authority, at Driver's license facilities, with deputy registrars who are appointed in each jurisdiction, or via mail using the Illinois Voter Registration Application available in English and Spanish.

 [Click here to view the English document.](#)

 [Click here to view the Spanish document.](#)

*Note that you will need to download and print the form using Adobe® Acrobat Reader®.*

You can click [here](#) to see if you are registered to vote in Illinois or register online at <https://ova.elections.il.gov/>

Illinois citizens residing overseas, and military personnel may register using a federal postcard application found on the [Federal Voting Assistance Program website](#). Other questions may be answered using the Military and Overseas Voter Guidelines.

[Click here to go to the Federal Postcard Application.](#)

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### **Illinois Voter Resources:**

- [Illinois State Board of Elections](#)
- [Scam Alert: Combating Disinformation](#)
- [Early Voting/Grace Period Registration Locations](#)

### **Resources for students who are residents of Wisconsin and Indiana:**

- [Wisconsin Voter Registration](#)
- [Indiana Voter Registration](#)



## **Ohio Voter Registration Information**

You are qualified to register to vote in Ohio if you are a U.S. citizen, will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election, and will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote. Additionally, you must not be incarcerated for a felony conviction, must not have been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court, and must not have been permanently disenfranchised for violating election laws.

## **CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION AND/OR FIND YOUR VOTING PRECINCT AND POLLING LOCATION BY ENTERING THE INFORMATION [IN THE VOTER SEARCH.](#)**

In Ohio, residents can register to vote or update their registration online, by mail, or in person. Online registration is available on the Ohio Secretary of State's website. For mail registration, send a completed form to your county board of elections or the Secretary of State's office, ensuring it is postmarked 30 days before the election. In-person registration is possible at various locations, including county board offices, Ohio BMV offices, public libraries, and designated state agencies ([OhioSOS](#)) ([Ohio Voter Registration](#)) ([VOTE411](#)).

 [Ohio Voter Registration and Information Update Form](#)

### **Ohio Voter Resources:**

- **Check Registration:** Verify your registration status or register online [here](#).
- **Military and Overseas Voting:** Ohio citizens residing overseas, and military personnel may register using a federal postcard application available on the Federal Voting Assistance Program [website](#).
- Click [here](#) to access the **Federal Postcard Application and the Federal Voting Assistance Program website**.

### **Registration Deadlines:**

- Registration is closed during the 30 days prior to an election. Individuals who miss the deadline cannot register for that election.
- Click [here](#) to check Ohio voter registration deadlines and early voting information.