2020 Voting: Key points in 10 states that send the most students to UW-Madison

Links to registration and requesting absentee ballots are at tinyURL.com/StudentMailVote. For other states, see campusvoteproject.org/

Eight of the states listed below have online registration, but in six, the use of online registration is limited to those with a state driver license or DOT-issued ID card. Minnesota and Pennsylvania allow any eligible voter to register online. See following pages for details of Illinois and Minnesota.

California has online registration (deadline is 15 days before an election), and accepts online requests to vote by mail. To change to vote-by-mail, you must re-register. Presidential primary is March 3, 2020. Website: registertovote.ca.gov. Phone: 800-345-8683.

Illinois has online registration (deadline is 16 days before an election), but only some localities accept online requests to vote by mail. Presidential primary is March 17, 2020. Website: elections.il.gov. Phone: 800-222-8683.

Maryland has online registration (deadline is 21 days before an election), and accepts online absentee requests. Presidential primary is April 28, 2020. Website: elections.maryland.gov. Phone: 800-462-8683.

Massachusetts has online registration (deadline is 20 days before an election). Massachusetts does not accept online absentee requests. The presidential primary is March 3, 2020. Website: sec.state.ma.us/ele. Phone: 800-462-8683.

Michigan does NOT have online registration or accept online absentee requests. The Presidential primary is March 10, 2020. Mail-in registrations are due 15 days before an election. Website: Michigan.gov/vote.

Minnesota has online registration open to all eligible voters (deadline is 21 days before an election), and accepts online absentee requests. Absentee ballots must be witnessed by a notary or a registered Minnesota voter. The Presidential primary is March 3, 2020. Website: MNvotes.org. Phone: 877-600-8683.

New Jersey does NOT have online registration nor does it accept online vote-by-mail requests. Mail-in registrations are due 21 days before an election. Presidential primary is June 2. Website: elections.nj.gov. Phone: 877-658-6837.

New York has online registration (deadline is 25 days before an election). The applicant must update their DMV information as part of online voter registration. NY does NOT accept online requests for absentee ballots. The presidential primary is April 28, 2020. Website: elections.ny.gov. Phone: 800-367-8683.

Ohio has online registration (deadline is 29 days before an election), but does NOT accept online absentee requests. The Presidential primary is March 10, 2020. Website: MyOhioVote.com. Phone: 614-466-2585.

Pennsylvania has online registration open to all eligible voters (deadline is 29 days before an election), but does NOT accept online requests for absentee ballots. The Presidential primary is April 28, 2020. Website: VotesPA.com. Phone: 877-868-3772.

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Voting Information for 13 Select States

UW-Madison has significant numbers of students from these states

**November 3, 2020:** All states have a Presidential election.

Of the states below, these six have a 2020 US Senate contest: GA IL MA MI MN NJ

**Online registration:** Eleven of these states have Online Voter Registration (OVR). Michigan and New Jersey do not.

**Absentee ballot return postage:** Of the states below, only CA, MN and WI provide the postage to return the ballot. For the others, the voter provides the stamp.

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Illinois Voting for 2020

Approximately 10% of UW-Madison students are from Illinois.

Website: [elections.il.gov](https://elections.il.gov). On the top left side, hover over “Information for Voters” for this information:

- Contact information for your local election authority
- Election Schedule
- Who is running for office?
- Am I registered in Illinois?
- Early voting locations
- Voting by mail

Voter registration lookup: [https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx](https://ova.elections.il.gov/RegistrationLookup.aspx)

**Residency:** requirement is **30 days** immediately preceding Election Day.

**Online registration:** An Illinois driver license or state ID card is required for online registration. You will need the full number on the card, the issue date, and the last four digits of your social security number. The deadline for online registration is 16 days before Election Day. [https://ova.elections.il.gov/](https://ova.elections.il.gov/)

**Paper form registration:** **No proof of residence is needed.** The deadline to register by mail on paper is 28 days before the election.

**Grace Period Registration:** In-person registration from 19 days before the election through Election Day. Check with the local election authority for locations and hours. Two forms of identification are required.

**Incarcerated:** You must not be serving a sentence of confinement in any penal institution because of a conviction. Illinois allows voting while on parole and probation.

**On the ballot:** Illinois has a **U.S. Senator** and U.S. Representative contests on the 2020 ballot.

**Early voting:** Some early voting may be available on weekends. Each election jurisdiction establishes locations and hours.

**Absentee voting**

- You can apply for a ballot within 90 days of the election. All requests by mail must be received by the Election Authority by Thursday before Election Day. To request an absentee ballot, contact your local election authority.
- You cannot track your absentee ballot status through the Illinois Board of Elections website.
- The voter supplies postage to return the absentee ballot.
- Mailed ballots must be postmarked no later than Election Day, and **must be received within 14 days after the election.**

**Bold** items are substantially different than Wisconsin. 

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Minnesota Voting for 2020

The Minnesota presidential primary is March 3, 2020. Approximately 10% of UW-Madison students are from Minnesota. Information: Minnesota Secretary of State phone 877-600-8683, or call your county election office.

Website: mnvotes.org links to the Minnesota Secretary of State’s page on elections and voting. On this website, you can register to vote, whether you have a MN driver license or not. You can also check your registration, see a sample ballot, or track your absentee ballot.

Residency: requirement is 20 days immediately preceding Election Day.

Online Registration: Any eligible voter can register online. No DL needed. The deadline for online registration is a Tuesday, 21 days before an election, at 11:59 pm. mnvotes.org. Paper form registration: No proof of residence is needed. The deadline to register in advance on paper is to have your application received by election officials no later than 5 p.m. on a Tuesday, 21 days before an election.

Students: “I’m a college student” information can be found by entering “student” into the search box at mnvotes.org, or go directly to https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/im-a-college-student/. It includes this quote: “You should register to vote from the address you currently consider home. For many students, this is likely a school address or a parent’s house. If you still go back to visit but no longer consider it your home, then you should register to vote where you live at school.”

On the ballot: For 2020, all Minnesota voters will have these races on their ballot: U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative.

Absentee voting
- You can apply for a ballot any time during the year, except the day of the election. Leave time for election officials to mail your ballot and for you to return it on or before Election Day.
- Ballots will be sent starting in late September for the 2020 General Election. It comes with return U.S. postage, so you do not need to add a stamp.
- You will need a witness when you vote and complete your absentee ballot. The witness must be either a registered Minnesota voter or a notary.
- Mail the ballot and forms back right away after you finish. Your ballot will not count if it is received after Election Day.
- Track your absentee ballot status through the mnvotes.org website

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