

# HEAR OUR VOTE



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As we grow our resistance movement, it is important to recognize the power of our vote. By focusing on upcoming special, local, and state elections, we can create a groundswell of new elected officials who will fight for our values. For the sixth action in our 10 Actions / 100 Days campaign, we ask you to register to vote and to identify the upcoming elections in your district.

Thank you for taking the additional step to help register others in your community. When we say ‘hear our vote,’ we mean ALL votes. We march forward together or not at all. The work of empowering our friends and neighbors to register to vote is critical to the success of our movement.

The purpose of this field guide is to equip you with the initial first steps to get started in your voter registration action. In this guide you will find an index of voting registration eligibility criteria by state, as well as notes about special voter registration rules in some states. You will also find a starting list of Dos and Don'ts when conducting voter registration. Here's how to use this guide to plan your action.

- **Step 1 - Research voter registration laws in your state.** See the FAQ section below or go [here](#) for guidance. Identify all necessary registration forms for your state, and prepare and print any voter education materials you plan to hand out at the voter registration drive. *Note: In some states, additional steps are required before you can register other people to vote (e.g., authorization or certification); be sure to check your state's policies and contact your state's Secretary of State office with any questions.*
- **Step 2 - Select a date, time, and location for your voter registration drive.** Register the event as a Women's March Huddle [here](#) so that others can join. Determine the type of voter registration drive you will host. Commonly used options include tabling at local events (with permission!), clipboarding at high-foot-traffic public locations, and canvassing door-to-door in neighborhoods. Additional field guides with more details on how to do this are coming soon.
- **Step 3 - Read through the below Dos and Don'ts, and adjust the list as needed to align to your state guidelines and your event.** Use the Dos and Don'ts to train other huddle members who will participate in the drive. Consider creating a script for the volunteers in your group to follow.
- **Step 4 - Start registering voters!** Follow the Dos & Don'ts below as rough guidelines, and contact your state's Secretary of State office with any specific questions. Follow up on any questions voters ask you by contacting the Secretary of State. Ask voters which issues they care most about (see form in Step 5), and don't forget to take photos and post them on social media using the hashtag #HearOurVote!
- **Step 5 - Record and report your successes.** [Complete this form](#) to report successful voter registration engagements. Confirm any state deadlines to submit completed forms, and submit within the eligible time period.

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## DOs & DON'Ts

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- **DO Fill out the receipt on the back of the voter registration form, and give it to the applicant when you collect their form.**
- **DO Make sure every form is filled out completely, neatly, and correctly.** Double check that all fields have been filled out -- incomplete applications could cause delays or be rejected.
- **DO Encourage voters to include their phone number and email address in the application.** While these fields might be optional, you should let them know that this contact information will help the state contact them if they need additional information in order to process the registration.
- **DO Be loud and clear when collecting forms in a crowd.** Look people in the eye and smile. The more engaging you are, the more people you'll register to vote.
- **DO Use direct language.** "Are you registered to vote at your current address?"
- **DO Be flexible. If people are walking, walk with them.** If they are standing in line, stand with them.
- **DO Target only people who are eligible to vote in your state.** See the FAQs below for information on who can vote in your state.
- **DO Give a voter registration application to everyone who asks for one.** You can't deny someone an application for political or partisan reasons.
- **DO Ask voters what issues they are most concerned about, and make note of their responses.**
- **DON'T fill out any part of the voter registration form yourself, unless the voter specifically asks you to do so.** If the voter is physically disabled and asks you to fill out or sign the form, include your name and address underneath the signature line.
  
- **DON'T try to re-register anyone who is already registered to vote in the location where they still live.** For more information on checking a voter's registration status, see the FAQs.
- **DON'T bribe, coerce, threaten, or intimidate anyone into registering to vote.** If you approach someone who doesn't want to register, you should respect their decision and move on.
- **DON'T attach anything to the voter registration forms.**
- **DON'T copy or share any part of an applicant's social security number.**
- **DON'T alter any information written by a voter on the registration form, or add additional information to the forms.**
- **DON'T solicit multiple voter registration applications from anyone.**
- **DON'T reject a voter registration form from an eligible voter for any reason.**

# FAQs

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1. How can I check a voter's registration status? Voters can check their current registration status at <https://www.headcount.org/verify-voter-registration/>.
2. What are voting eligibility requirements in my state? See a comprehensive list below, pulled from Vote.org, <https://www.vote.org/voter-registration-rules/>.

*Please note: This is just a starting point. Please research voting eligibility requirements and third-party voter registration guidelines in your own state before planning your voter registration drive. Check your state's Secretary of State website for latest information. Contact that office when in doubt.*

## ELIGIBILITY BY STATE

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### **To register in Alabama you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Alabama and your county at the time of registration
- be 18 years old before any election not have been convicted of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary (or have had your civil and political rights restored)
- not currently be declared mentally incompetent through a competency hearing
- swear or affirm to “support and defend the Constitution of the US and the State of Alabama and further disavow any belief or affiliation with any group which advocates the overthrow of the governments of the US or the State of Alabama by unlawful means and that the information contained herein is true, so help me God”

Notes: Visit the Alabama Secretary of State website to learn more: <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/>.

### **To register in Alaska you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years old within 90 days of completing this registration
- be a resident of Alaska
- not have a felony conviction (unless unconditionally discharged)
- not be registered to vote in another state

Notes: Alaska has a training program for registration officials. It appears that you do not have to become a registration official to hold a registration drive, but it is recommended. Registration officials are required to turn in completed registration forms within 5 days. Read more here: [http://elections.alaska.gov/Core/workers\\_registers.php](http://elections.alaska.gov/Core/workers_registers.php).

**To register in Arizona you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Arizona and your county at least 29 days preceding the next election
- be 18 years old on or before the next general election
- not have been convicted of treason or a felony (unless you have had your civil rights restored)
- not currently be declared an incapacitated person by a court of law

Notes: Learn more about the process for registering voters in Arizona under ARIZ. REV. STAT. ANN. § 16-131(D) (2012) [here](#). Contact the Arizona Secretary of State's office with any questions.

**To register in Arkansas you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- live in Arkansas at the address in Box 2 on the application
- be at least 18 years old before the next election
- not have a felony conviction (unless you have completely discharged your sentence or been pardoned)
- not claim the right to vote in any other jurisdiction
- not previously be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction

Notes: "If you register to vote at a voter registration drive, the organizers of the drive must give your application to the county clerk within 21 days of the date on the application OR at least 30 days before the next election." Read more [here](#).

**To register in California you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of California
- be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election
- not be imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony
- not currently be judged mentally incompetent by a court of law

Notes: See rules for hosting a registration drive in California [here](#).

**To register in Colorado you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Colorado 30 days prior to Election Day
- be 18 years old on or before Election Day
- not be confined as a prisoner or serving any part of a sentence under mandate

Notes: In Colorado, individuals who are 16 or 17 can pre-register. Also, before hosting a registration drive, you must file a statement of intent with the SOS. You must complete a training. 15 day return deadline. See COLO. REV. STAT § 1-2-701 (2016), available [here](#).

**To register in Connecticut you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Connecticut and of the town in which you wish to vote
- be 17 years old. You can vote in elections that occur on or after your 18th birthday.
- have completed confinement and parole if previously convicted of a felony, and have had your voting rights restored by Registrars of Voters
- not currently be declared mentally incompetent to vote by a court of law

**To register in Delaware you must:**

- be a citizen of the United State
- be a permanent resident of Delaware
- be at least 18 years old on the date of the next general election
- people with felony convictions are eligible to vote if certain requirements are met: fines and sentence completed at least five years prior to application date; and only if the felony convictions is for something other than murder, sexual offenses, or crimes against public administration involving bribery or improper influence or abuse of office
- not be legally declared mentally incompetent

Notes: In Delaware, there is a 10 day return deadline, and volunteers must keep a “log” of all voter registration application solicited. DEL. CODE ANN. tit. 15, § 1102(d) (2015), available [here](#).

**To register in the District of Columbia you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a District of Columbia resident at least 30 days preceding the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or preceding the next election
- not be in jail for a felony conviction
- not have been judged “mentally incompetent” by a court of law
- not claim the right to vote anywhere outside DC

**To register in Florida you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a legal resident of both the State of Florida and of the county in which you seek to be registered
- be 18 years old (you may pre-register if you are at least 16)
- not be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other State, or if you have, you must first have your voting rights restored
- not have a felony conviction, or if you do, you must first have your civil rights restored
- swear or affirm the following: “I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, that I am qualified to register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, and that all information in this application is true.”

Notes: In Florida you must pre-register your voter registration drive. Statute requires forms to be returned within 48 hours but that appears to have been enjoined by League of Women Voters v. Browning, 863 F. Supp. 2d 1155 (2012). FLA. STAT. § 97.0575(1) (c) (2011), available [here](#).

**To register in Georgia you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a legal resident of Georgia and of the county in which you want to vote
- be 18 years old within six months after the day of registration, and be 18 years old to vote
- not be serving a sentence for having been convicted of a felony
- not have been judicially determined to be mentally incompetent, unless this ruling has been removed

Notes: Georgia holds an optional training for volunteers registering voters. Additionally, there is a 10-day deadline to return completed voter registration applications. Further information available [here](#).

**To register in Hawaii you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the State of Hawaii
- be at least 16 years old (you must be 18 years old by Election Day in order to vote)
- not be incarcerated for a felony conviction
- not be adjudicated by a court as “non compos mentis” (mentally incompetent)

**To register in Idaho you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Idaho and in the county for 30 days prior to the day of election
- be at least 18 years old not have been convicted of a felony, and without having been restored to the rights of citizenship, or confined in prison on conviction of a criminal offense

**To register in Illinois you must:**

- be a citizen of the United State
- be a resident of Illinois and of your election precinct at least 30 days before the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next electio
- not be in jail for a felony conviction
- not claim the right to vote anywhere else

Notes: In Illinois, there is an official system of registration volunteers. You must meet eligibility requirements and be trained. See more [here](#).

**To register in Indiana you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in the precinct at least 30 days before the next election
- be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next general election
- not currently be in jail for a criminal conviction

Notes: In Indiana, there is a 10-day deadline to return completed voter registration application forms. Official system of registration volunteers. You must meet eligibility requirements and be trained. See more [here](#).

**To register in Iowa you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Iowa
- be at least 17-1/2 years old (you must be 18 to vote)
- not have been convicted of a felony (or have had your rights restored)
- not currently be judged by a court to be “incompetent to vote”
- not claim the right to vote in more than one place
- give up your right to vote in any other place

Notes: In Iowa, the Office of the Secretary of State offers forms at the cost of production for organizations conducting voter registration drives. See more [here](#).

**To register in Kansas you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Kansas
- be 18 by the next election
- have completed the terms of your sentence if convicted of a felony; a person serving a sentence for a felony conviction is ineligible to vote
- not claim the right to vote in any other location or under any other name
- not be excluded from voting for mental incompetence by a court of competent jurisdiction

**To register in Kentucky you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Kentucky
- be a resident of the county for at least 28 days prior to Election Day date
- be 18 years of age on or before the next general election
- not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have been convicted of a felony, your civil rights must have been restored by executive pardon
- not have been judged “mentally incompetent” in a court of law
- not claim the right to vote anywhere outside Kentucky

Notes: In Kentucky, folks hosting a registration drive must read the state’s checklist for voter registration drives ([link](#)). Must return applications at least 29-days before the election.

### **To register in Louisiana you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Louisiana (Residence address must be address where you claim homestead exemption, if any, except for a resident in a nursing home or veteran's home who may select to use the address of the nursing home or veterans' home or the home where he has a homestead exemption. A college student may elect to use their home address or their address while away at school.)
- be at least 17 years old, and be 18 years old prior to the next election to vote
- not currently be under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony
- not currently be under a judgment of interdiction for mental incompetence

Notes: In Louisiana, volunteers have the option to become a “deputy registrar.” Not a requirement for holding a registration drive. 30 day return deadline. See more [here](#).

### **To register in Maine you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Maine and the municipality in which you want to vote
- be at least 17 years old (you must be 18 years old to vote)

Notes: In Maine, volunteers have the option to become a “deputy registrar.” This is not required. Volunteers can register for a drive until COB on the 21st day before the election. Registration drives must complete a “VRC request form.” Statewide candidates may obtain up to 2,000 voter registration cards per week, or a maximum of 10,000 before an election. Other groups may request up to 1,000 per week, or a maximum of 5,000. You can make free copies of the voter registration card, which is available online. See more [here](#).

### **To register in Maryland you must:**

- be a U.S. citizen
- be a Maryland resident
- be at least 18 years old by the next general election
- not be under guardianship for mental disability
- not have been convicted of buying or selling votes
- not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction

Notes: In Maryland, the statute appears to require volunteers to be authorized by the state or local board. MD ELEC LAW § 3- 201, available [here](#). According to the Brennan Center, the Voter Registration Manager of Data & Reports of the Maryland Bd. of Elections said in 2012 that authorization is not required. See more [here](#). See also [http://www.elections.state.md.us/get\\_involved/registration\\_volunteers.html](http://www.elections.state.md.us/get_involved/registration_volunteers.html); In short, check with your Office of Secretary of State before holding a voter registration drive.

**To register in Massachusetts you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Massachusetts
- be 18 years old on or before the next election
- not have been convicted of corrupt practices in respect to elections
- not be under guardianship with respect to voting
- not be currently incarcerated for a felony conviction

Notes: In Massachusetts, the state will provide registration application forms free of charge. Mass. Gen. Laws. ch. 31, section 36, available [here](#).

**To register in Michigan you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be 18 years old by the next election
- be a resident of Michigan and at least a 30 day resident of your city or township by Election Day
- not be confined in a jail after being convicted and sentenced

Notes: in Michigan voter registration applications must be submitted at least 30 days before any election. Warning: Michigan law requires that the same address be used for voter registration and driver license purposes. Therefore, if the residence address you provide on this form differs from the address shown on a driver license or personal identification card issued by the State of Michigan, the Secretary of State will automatically change your driver license or personal identification card address to match the residence address entered on this form. If an address change is made, the Secretary of State will mail you an address update sticker for your driver license or personal identification card.

**To register in Minnesota you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Minnesota for 20 days before the next election
- maintain residence at the address given on the registration form
- be at least 18 years old on Election Day
- if previously convicted of a felony, if your felony sentence has expired or been completed, or you have been discharged from the sentence
- not be under a court-ordered guardianship in which the right to vote has been revoked
- not be found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote

Notes: 10 day deadline to return applications. Must register by 21 days before the election. Minn. Stat. 201.061, available [here](#).

**To register in Mississippi you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- have lived in Mississippi and in your county (and city, if applicable) 30 days before Election Day in which you want to vote
- be 18 years old by the time of the general election in which you want to vote
- have not been convicted of murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, armed robbery, extortion, felony bad check, felony shoplifting, larceny, receiving stolen property, robbery, timber larceny, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, statutory rape, carjacking, or bigamy, or have had your rights restored as required by law
- not have been declared mentally incompetent by a court

Notes: According to Miss. Code Ann. Sec. 23-15-47(4)(c), volunteers registering voters must pay cost for registration forms.

**To vote in Missouri you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Missouri
- be at least 17-1/2 years of age (you must be 18 to vote)
- not be on probation or parole after conviction of a felony, until finally discharged from such probation or parole
- not be convicted of a felony or misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage
- not be adjudged incapacitated by any court of law
- not be confined under a sentence of imprisonment

Notes: 7 day return deadline. Mo. Rev. Stat. 115.203(4), available [here](#).

**To register in Montana you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years old on or before Election Day
- be a resident of Montana and of the county in which you want to vote for at least 30 days before the next election
- not be in a penal institution for a felony conviction
- not currently be determined by a court to be of unsound mind
- meet these qualifications by the next Election Day if you do not currently meet them

Notes: Applications must be submitted 30 days before the election day. Read more [here](#).

**To register in Nebraska you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Nebraska
- be at least 18 years of age or will be 18 years of age on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday of Nov
- not have been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, have had your civil rights restored
- not have been officially found to be mentally incompetent

Notes: Mailed voter registration forms must be postmarked by the third Friday before the election day. Forms may be delivered to the county clerk's office by 6PM on the second Friday before the election day. Read more [here](#).

**To register in Nevada you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- have attained the age of 18 years on the date of the next election
- have continuously resided in the State of Nevada, in your county, at least 30 days and in your precinct at least 10 days before the next election
- have your civil rights restored if you were convicted of a felony
- not be determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent
- claim no other place as your legal residence

Notes: 10 day return deadline. Nev. Rev. Stat. Sec. 293.5235(15). "Each request for more than 50 forms must be made on a request form prescribed by the Secretary of State that requires the person or group requesting such forms to describe a plan for distribution of the forms, including, without limitation, identification of the county or counties with which the person or group plans to file the completed forms." Id. at 293.425(3). May have to pay cost for the forms. Id. at 293.443(3) statutes available [here](#).

**To register in New Hampshire you must:**

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be 18 years of age or older on Election Day
- Register to vote only in the town or ward in which you actually live

Notes: No registration drives allowed. Registration by mail is permitted in some circumstances, but most of the time voters have to register in person. Read more [here](#).

**To register in New Jersey you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years of age by the time of the next election
- be a resident of this State and county at your address at least 30 days before the next election
- not be serving a sentence or on parole or probation as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States

Notes: Forms must be returned 21 days before election day. Read more [here](#).

**To register in New Mexico you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the State of New Mexico
- be 18 years of age at the time of the next election
- not have been denied the right to vote by a court of law by reason of mental incapacity and, if you have been convicted of a felony, you have completed all conditions of probation or parole, served the entirety of a sentence or have been granted a pardon by the Governor.

Notes: Forms must be returned 28 days before the election day and within 48 hours of being completed: [http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Voter\\_Information/Voter\\_Registration\\_Information.aspx](http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Voter_Information/Voter_Registration_Information.aspx). Groups hosting registration drives must pre-register with the secretary of state. N.M. STAT. ANN. § 1-4-49(A)(1) (2011), available here: <http://law.justia.com/codes/new-mexico/2011/chapter1/article4/section1-4-49>. Third party voter registration agents must complete a training. N.H. Ann. Code. 1.10.25 (G), available at [http://www.sos.state.nm.us/uploads/files/01\\_10\\_25\\_Third\\_Party\\_Agents.pdf](http://www.sos.state.nm.us/uploads/files/01_10_25_Third_Party_Agents.pdf). They must also maintain a log of each registration they handle. Id. at 1.10.25(H). Third-party voter registration manual: [http://www.sos.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/bf074f1ff3d84dc2a72a17af29e00f10/VRA\\_Manual\\_2016\\_FINAL\\_UPDATE.pdf](http://www.sos.state.nm.us/uploads/FileLinks/bf074f1ff3d84dc2a72a17af29e00f10/VRA_Manual_2016_FINAL_UPDATE.pdf).

**To register in New York you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the county, or of the City of New York, at least 30 days before Election Day
- be 18 years old by December 31 of the year in which you file this form (Note: You must be 18 years old by the date of the general, primary, or other election in which you want to vote)
- not be in jail or on parole for a felony conviction
- not currently be judged incompetent by order of a court of competent judicial authority
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere

Notes: Applications submitted by mail must be postmarked no later than the 25th day before the election day and received no later than the 20th day before the election day. Applications submitted in person must be delivered no later than the 25th day before the election day. Read more [here](#).

**To register in North Carolina you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of North Carolina and the county in which you live for at least 30 days prior to Election Day
- be 18 years of age by the day of the next general election
- have your rights of citizenship restored if you have been convicted of a felony
- not be registered or vote in any other county or state

Notes: Registration forms available for free [here](#). You are “encouraged” to return completed forms within 5 days, according to this site: <https://www.ncsbe.gov/Voter-Information/VR-Drives>.

**North Dakota does not have voter registration, but to be eligible to vote you must:**

- be at least 18 years old on the day of election
- be a resident of North Dakota
- reside in the precinct for 30 days preceding Election Day
- be able to provide a driver’s license, non-driver identification card or other approved form of identification

**To register in Ohio you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Ohio
- be 18 years old on or before Election Day. If you will be 18 on or before the day of the general election, you may vote in the primary election for candidates only.
- not be convicted of a felony and currently incarcerated
- not be found incompetent by a court for purposes of voting

Notes: Completed forms must be returned within 10 days. OHIO REV. CODE § 3599.11(B)(2)(a) available [here](#).

**To register in Oklahoma you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Oklahoma
- be 18 years old on or before the date of the next election
- have not been convicted of a felony, for which a period of time equal to the original sentence has not expired, or for which you have not been pardoned
- not now be under judgment as an incapacitated person, or a partially incapacitated person prohibited from registering to vote

Notes: You can receive registration forms from a county election board. Some quantity restrictions apply. See [http://www.oar.state.ok.us/viewhtml/230\\_15-3-24.htm](http://www.oar.state.ok.us/viewhtml/230_15-3-24.htm) and [http://www.oar.state.ok.us/viewhtml/230\\_15-3-26.htm](http://www.oar.state.ok.us/viewhtml/230_15-3-26.htm). Must be postmarked by 25 days before the election day. In person, at any time. Read more here: [https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter\\_Info/Register\\_to\\_Vote/](https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Register_to_Vote/).

**To register in Oregon you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Oregon
- be at least 18 years old by Election Day

Notes: Five-day return deadline. Election officials will provide up to 5,000 registration forms for drives. See [here](#).

**To register in Pennsylvania you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States at least one month before the next election
- be a resident of Pennsylvania and your election district at least 30 days before Election Day
- be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next election

Notes: Completed application must be received by the county voter registration office at least 30 days before the election day, Read more [here](#).

**To register in Rhode Island you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Rhode Island for 30 days preceding the next election
- be 18 years old by Election Day
- not be currently incarcerated in a correctional facility due to a felony conviction
- not have been lawfully judged to be mentally incompetent

Notes: Applications must be received or postmarked 30 days before the election day. Read more [here](#).

**To register in South Carolina you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- be a resident of South Carolina, in your county and precinct
- not be confined in any public prison resulting from a conviction of a crime
- never have been convicted of a felony or offense against Election Day laws, or if previously convicted, have served your entire sentence, including probation or parole, or have received a pardon for the conviction
- not be under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent
- claim the address on the application as your only legal place of residence and claim no other place as your legal residence

Notes: Registration applications must be postmarked 30 days before the election day. See [here](#).

**To register in South Dakota you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- reside in South Dakota
- be 18 years old by the next election
- not be currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction which included imprisonment, served or suspended, in an adult penitentiary system not have been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court

Notes: 10-day return deadline. (Failure to return the forms timely is criminalized, as it is in many states, but in South Dakota the failure to return the forms timely doesn't have to be knowingly or intentional--so make sure you return on time!) More [here](#).

**To register in Tennessee you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Tennessee
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- not have been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, have had your full rights of citizenship restored (or have received a pardon)
- not be adjudicated incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction (or have been restored to legal capacity)

Notes: Return forms within 30 days before the election day, per this site: <http://sos.tn.gov/products/civics/voter-registration-drives>. "How to host a voter registration drive" video available [here](#).

**To register in Texas you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the county in which the application for registration is made
- be at least 17 years and 10 months old (you must be 18 to vote)
- not be convicted of a felony, or if convicted of a felony, you must have fully discharged your punishment, including any incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation, or be pardoned
- have not been declared mentally incompetent by final judgment of a court of law

Notes: Texas has strict rules about third-party voter registration, with violations punishable by felony, so make sure all volunteers are properly trained. Contact the Texas Secretary of State's office with any questions. To host a registration drive in Texas, you must be a "volunteer deputy registrar" in the county where you're registering voters. To become a volunteer deputy registrar, you must request an appointment with the county registrar, participate in a training, and must be a qualified Texas voter. Applications must be submitted by 5PM, five days after they are completed, or by 5PM on the 29th date before the election day. More [here](#).

**To register in Utah you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Utah for 30 days immediately before the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- not have been convicted of a felony or currently incarcerated for commission of a felony
- not be convicted of treason or crime against the elective franchise, unless restored to civil rights
- not be found to be mentally incompetent by a court of law

Notes: Applications sent by mail must be postmarked by 30 days before the election day. In-person and online deadline is 7 days before the election. More [here](#).

**To register in Vermont you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Vermont
- be 18 years of age on or before Election Day
- have taken the following Oath: You solemnly swear (or affirm) that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the state of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without fear or favor of any person [Voter's Oath, Vermont Constitution, Chapter II, Section 42]

**To register in Virginia you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Virginia and of the precinct in which you want to vote
- be 18 years old by the next May or Nov general election
- not have been convicted of a felony, or have had your civil rights restored
- not currently be declared mentally incompetent by a court of law

Notes: Individuals or organizations requesting 25 or more registration forms must complete a training: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/registration-drives/index.html>. Return deadline of 10 days, per this site: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/Files/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationDrives/guidevoterregdrive.pdf>.

**To register in Washington you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a legal resident of Washington State, your county and precinct for 30 days immediately preceding Election Day in which you want to vote
- be at least 18 years old by Election Day
- not be convicted of infamous crime, unless restored to civil rights

Notes: 5-day return deadline, per this site: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=29a.08&full=true#29A.08.115>.

**To register in West Virginia you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- live in West Virginia at the above address
- be 18 years old, or to vote in the primary be 17 years old and turning 18 before the general election
- not be under conviction, probation, or parole for a felony, treason or election bribery
- not have been judged “mentally incompetent” in a court of competent jurisdiction

Notes: 15-day return deadline. To the extent funding allows, counties must make state mail registration forms available for organized voter registration drives. For drives requesting 200 or more forms, contact information and a description of the dates and locations for the proposed registration drive must be sent to the Secretary of State. Requests of 10 or more forms will be recorded by the county clerk with a description of the dates and locations of the proposed drive. The Secretary of State may limit the number of forms available to group to a “reasonable” amount. See [here](#).

**To register in Wisconsin you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Wisconsin for at least 10 days
- be 18 years old
- not have been convicted of treason, felony or bribery, or if you have, your civil rights have been restored

Notes: Voters must either submit a photocopy of their approved ID with their voter registration form or have a voter registration deputy (who has been trained by the municipality) doing the registration (in which case the deputy can simply inspect the ID and verify it on the form). To register voters, you must be authorized as a special registration deputy by the municipal clerk. To be an SRD, you must be eligible to vote in WI. Voters must prove their residence in order to register. Voters may use a photo ID to satisfy the proof of residency requirement, but they could also use something that does not have a photo (like a utility bill). SRDs must return completed registration forms within 20 days of the election day, per this site: [http://elections.wi.gov/sites/default/files/publication/154/voter\\_registration\\_guide\\_pdf\\_12830.pdf](http://elections.wi.gov/sites/default/files/publication/154/voter_registration_guide_pdf_12830.pdf).

**To register in Wyoming you must:**

- be a citizen of the United States
- be 18 years of age by General Election Day
- be a resident of the State of Wyoming
- not be currently adjudicated mentally incompetent
- not have been convicted of a felony, unless voting rights restored

Notes: It appears Wyoming does not allow third-party registration. Votes must register at their county clerk’s office, by mail, or at the polls on election day, per this site: <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/RegisteringToVote.aspx>. See also <http://fairelectionsnetwork.com/wp-content/uploads/Wyoming-Guide-to-Voter-Registration.pdf>.